

10 Minutes for 10 Years of Growth (Sorted Survey Responses)**Q1. In what part of the County (community) do you live? Other (please specify)**

Answer Options	Response Count
Other (please specify)	147
<i>answered question</i>	2093
<i>skipped question</i>	20

Other (please specify)	Total
276 AND BARCLAY	1
A ten year plan is far too short. What about 25, 50 or 100 years or more. I've been out of the county for some 55 years, have returned and am astounded at some of the changes.	1
Asheville	1
Asheville--work in Transylvania County	1
Becky Mountain/See Off mountain	3
between Rosman and Lake Toxaway	2
Blantyre	3
blue ridge overlook	1
Boyd	4
Brevard college	1
Calvert	1
Cashiers Valley/Lake Sega	2
Cherry field	13
Cherryfield Loop, right outside of Rosman	1
Clayton, GA	1
Connestee Falls	1
county	1
County-Country Club Rd.	1
Deerlake Village (city)	1
Ducktown-near Brevard Music Center-the line between the county extension and the city of Brevard	1
Dunn's Creek	1
Eagle Lake	3
Etowah	1
Etowah, but I am a teacher at PFE	1
Etowah; work in Transylvania County	1
Fletcher	1
Franklin	1
Glen Cannon - Pisgah Forest	1
Henderson	2
Henderson County	3
Henderson County (Etowah)	1
Hendersonville	1
Hwy 178	1
I live in Candler but work in Brevard	1
Illahee Hills - just outside of the city limit	1
Illahee Road	1

Other (please specify)	Total
Illahee	1
In the city, but in the county technically	1
Indian Camp Mountain on Pickens Highway	2
Jackson	2
Jackson County	2
Jeter Mountain	1
Just in Henderson County off of Crab Creek Road	1
just outside city of Brevard near middle school	1
Line Runner Ridge	1
Little Egypt	2
Little Egypt	1
Live in Brevard, have home in Sapphire.	1
Middlefork	1
Millbrook Estates	1
Mills River	1
none: live in Henderson but work in City of Brevard	1
Oak Laurel Association	1
Old Toxaway	3
Ole Toxaway Rd	1
Out of NC- Lived in Brevard until I was 18	1
Outside Brevard City Limits	1
Outside of Rosman	1
Rich Mountain	2
Ridge Haven	1
Rocky Hill Estates	1
Rosman hwy.	1
Round Mountain/ Old Toxaway	4
See Off Mountain	12
Seneca, SC	3
Sequoyah Woods	1
Sherwood Forest	5
Slick Rock Mountain	6
Slick Rock off of See Off Mountain Road	1
South Country Club Rd	1
Southwood	1
Sylvan Heights	1
the oaks 300 Morris rd. Brevard	1
Transylvania county	1

Other (please specify)	Total
Unincorporated area off Becky Mt. Rd	1
Vicinity of Rosman	1
Waterford Place	3
West Cashiers Valley Road	1
Whiskey Creek II	2
Williamson Creek	1
Wilson road	2
Wendover Farms	2
Work in Brevard	1
Rosman	1
Grand Total	147

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Q4. Please select from the following that best describes you: Other (please specify)

Answer Options	Response Count
Other (please specify)	174
<i>answered question</i>	2093
<i>skipped question</i>	20

Other (please specify)	Total
1 retired, 1 unemployed	1
Also Fish and Cattle Farmer	1
Artist	3
Business co-owner	1
Business Owner	24
Concerned citizen	1
Disabled	7
disabled due to illness	1
disabled retiree	1
Disabled-retired(M) & Full-time employee(F)	1
Early Retirement	1
Employed in Columbia, SC this is a second home	1
Employer	2
Entrepreneur	2
Farmer/DuPont Retired	1
fine artist	1
Freelance writer; workload is flexible	1
FT employed and FT student	1
full time employer	1
Full time student and full time employee	1
Full-time business owner	1
Full-time entrepreneur, part-time employee, part-time adjunct professor (occasionally)	1
full-time self employed	1
graduate student and part time non-profit employee	1
Homestead & business owner	1
Independently Employed	1
Live with Parent	1
local retired	1
Local Business Owner	1
Military Pension or	1
Multi-Business Owner	1
NOYB	1
Own my own business	1
Owner of business	1
Part Time Resident	2
Part Time Resident - Full Time Employee in Atlanta	1
part time worker	1
Past student	1

Other (please specify)	Total
Post graduate looking for profession doing temporary work.	1
Professional Business Owner	1
Realtor extraordinaire	1
Rental management	1
Retired	5
Retired and part-time self-employment	1
Retired but employed part time	1
retired but part-time work	1
retired but very active in community	1
retired educator	1
retired manufacturing manager	1
Retired, but still work	1
Retiree and short term contractor for local and non-local businesses	1
Sculptor and Writer	1
Self employed	26
self-employed / business owner	1
Self-employed architect	1
Self-employed business owner	1
Self Employed full time	4
Self-employed homemaker	2
Self Employed Technical Writer	2
Self-employed	14
Self-Employed - Retail	1
Self-employed Builder	1
self-employed part to full	1
Self-employed, full time	1
Self-employed, full-time	1
Self-employed--sole proprietor	1
self-employed	1
semi - retirement	2
semi-retired	2
Small Business Owner	5
small business teaching music	1
startup business partner	1
student	1
Student and part time employee.	1
Student/Part-time employee	1
Summer 2 full time	1
summer homeowner	1
summer resident	1
Three jobs to make ends meet, 1 f-t 2 p-t	1
Transitioning Careers	1

Other (please specify)	Total
VACATION OWNER	1
very active volunteer	1
We still do part-time work from previous owner/business	1
who knows	1
work full time for myself	1
Writer, photographer, music historian	1
writer/music historian	1
(blank)	
Grand Total	174

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Q5. In what county do you work, go to school or own your business? Other (please specify)

Answer Options	Response Count
Other (please specify)	309
<i>answered question</i>	1820
<i>skipped question</i>	293

Other (please specify)	Total
Across WNC	1
Atlanta, GA	1
Both Transylvania and Buncombe depending on the day	1
Buncombe, NC; Greenville, SC; Myrtle Beach, SC; Batesville, AR	1
Cashiers, NC	1
Catawba County, NC	1
Charlotte Mecklenburg	1
Chatham County, GA	1
Cincinnati	1
Clearwater, Florida	1
Cleveland County, NC	1
Clients are national	1
Disabled	2
do not work, go to school or own business	1
Do not work, go to school, etc. Volunteer, Transylvania	1
Don't do any of the above	1
Don't work, go to school or own a business	1
Don't work, go to school, or own a business	1
Dyer Co., TN	1
Fletcher	1
Florida	2
GA	1
Gaston	1
go to Church, grocery, shop	1
Hampton roads, VA	1
Harris county	1
Haywood	3
Haywood County	1
I am the President of a national consulting firm	1
I don't do any of those things.	1
I don't work, go to school, or own a business.	1
I only land in Rosman. I do not live there yet.	1
I shop and do banking, shopping, etc.	1
I work in Henderson & Transylvania Counties	1

Other (please specify)	Total
I work remotely for a technology firm based in another state. My husband does the same for an engineering firm based in another state.	1
I work remotely for company in GA.	1
I'm retired buy wife works out of the house	1
Jackson, Macon, Transylvania	1
Jackson, Transylvania, Henderson, Buncombe	1
Macon	1
mainly employed by other county or state based maintenance and construction company's	1
Maryland	1
Mecklenburg	1
Military (station in Maryland)	1
Mills River	2
n/a	68
NC	1
Neptune Beach, FL	1
New Mexico	1
No children, no business, do not work	1
None	15
None of the above	5
None, retired	1
NOYB	1
Oconee, SC	2
Ohio	1
Orange County	1
Out if state	1
own business in Clayton County Georgia	1
own Home	1
palm bch FL	1
Palm Beach County	1
Polk County, NC	1
remotely, for a consulting company in NJ	1
Retired	106
retired - - not employed, don't attend school nor own a business	1
Retired - I did work in both Henderson & Transylvania Counties.	1
retired from a business in Transylvania county	1
Retired living in Brevard	1

Other (please specify)	Total
retired resident	1
retired teacher	1
Retired with vacation home in Transylvania County	1
Retired, therefore, not applicable	1
Retired, try to shop locally	1
retired, very involved in Transylvania activities	1
Retired, not in school, do not own business	1
retired but worked in both Trans & Henderson counties	1
Richland County	1
Sales...travel a territory in NC, SC and TN	1
SC	2
Spartanburg	1
Spartanburg cuz Transylvania doesn't believe in Jobs!	1
Spartanburg, SC	1
St. Lucie County, Florida	1
State of Virginia	1
Stay at home mom	1
Texas	1
Transylvania is primarily where I volunteer	1
Transylvania, Greenville, Washington DC	1
Travel regionally	1
Two jobs. one in Transylvania and one in Henderson	1
unemployed	3
Vacationer	1
Various.....Construction	1
volunteer in TCounty	1
Volunteer in Transylvania county	1
Washington Co, TN (2 days/week)	1
Washington Co., TN	1
Watauga	3
Watauga - 5+ weeks	1
Western NC	1
Western North Carolina (Construction)	1
Work full-time from home for NC State University in Raleigh, NC & own my own business in Transylvania Co.	1
Work in Haywood County, kids go to school in Rosman	1
work in Transylvania County, school in Buncombe	1
Work in Transylvania/ Schooling in Jackson	1
Work remotely	1
work remotely for Birmingham, AL based business	1
(blank)	
Grand Total	309

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Q7. Generally speaking, would you say Transylvania County is heading in the right or wrong direction? Please name one reason why you chose this answer:

Answer Options	Response Count
Please name one reason why you chose this answer:	1536
<i>answered question</i>	2018
<i>skipped question</i>	95

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
The Traffic on our streets and highways are horrible, it is taking away from what we had in our beautiful town.
county commissioners not forward thinking
You have chosen to do this survey which indicates you are ready for change!
- Beautiful Landscape -Reactionary, regressive county politicians (lazy) - Tourism good, unsure of business opportunities
We are part time residents.
(1) Too much emphasis on economic development by trying to attract industries while the human resources of the county are lacking in education, professional skills, work ethics (2) Too little emphasis on tourism and retirees - both being the social and economic backbone of Transylvania County (3) division and conflict of interest between "natives" and new arrivals
; Given our geography, attracting small businesses is what we should be doing.
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A general focus on outdoor living, outdoor recreation, and a vibrant younger community coming in to play and work is making this community head in the right direction.
A little unsure because of the lack of sufficient funding to schools to maintain the edge it had over other counties.
A lot of good progress has been made but there needs to be more living wage jobs, industry conducive to our area meaning those with as little pollution as possible, younger families moving in and infrastructure issues addressed.
A lot of people in power keep holding out and hoping for factories and other large businesses to move here. We don't have the infrastructure and aren't likely to in any realistic way in the foreseeable future. Even the one big business we did get (Oskar Blues) is overloading our septic plant.
In the current and near market conditions there aren't going to be any "Ecusta-type" businesses that are going to move here and be able to provide their own waste processing like they did. There is too much regulation and red tape now for that to be realistic.
A lot of the long-timers/locals seem to think Ecusta (or something like it) is coming back. It's not. That's not to say that some industry couldn't come here. For that to happen, we'd need a big influx of funding for manufacturing buildings (shells), upgrades in the internet (it is SOOOOOOOOOO slow here compared to Charlotte where I moved from last year), and an upgrade in other utilities to accommodate new industry (I'm halfway referencing the issues with Oscar Blues/waste treatment issues).
Absence of entry and long standing jobs. Lack of consistent recreational activities for our youth that doesn't involve the forest.
Accent on recreation
Accounts of planning board, city council, county commissioners and other orgs. indicate people are not sitting on their hands, but very interested in the future.
Actions of county commissioners have not moved the county forward over the past twenty years due to lack of investment in schools, infrastructure, etc.
Actually, the county commissioners are an obstacle. We need jobs.
Addition of recreational activities- bike bath, trails, plans for park improvements; bringing Oskar Blues here (lots of civic involvement)
Admittedly do not know enough, but do not see the County doing enough to protect or capitalize on the abundance of natural resources that are the appeal to most residents and to visitors. I have been disappointed by the lack of County support for the rail to trail project between Brevard and Hendersonville and the general lack of pedestrian/bike trails for getting around the county.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Adventure destination
Advertising our city as a biking and outdoor community
Alcohol and drugs are a huge problem and I am concerned about breweries especially those where children are also permitted. I have lived here 38 years and the community seems to be centered on the tourist and the wishes of so many who come here to retire.
All decisions seem to be based on and revolve around tourism, and vacation homes. The average wage is falling; it should be increasing. Women can't even deliver their babies in our own county. Good-paying jobs are nearly nonexistent. It doesn't have to be that way. Our roads are based somewhere in the 19th century with no plans for improvement. Our school system is failing at educating our children. I have three in it; it's very bad. Government decisions seem to focus only on the city of Brevard and whatever issues they have. The rest of us must be irrelevant. How could this possibly be headed in a positive direction?
All I see I knew and rich people moving in and poor and long-time residents disappearing
All of the counties time and effort have been put into catering to the bicyclists, retirees, and tourists leaving little to no opportunities for families who have been here for generations to make a living that will support them and allow them to keep their families where their roots are.
All the businesses are leaving even the hospital is slowing shutting down. We both drive out of the county to earn a decent income.
All the events in town need to be more kid oriented and have more for kid's growth. They are our future!
All this county wants is tourism. We have lost all good paying jobs.
allowing too many new business to go to surrounding counties
ALTHOUGH I WAS BORN AAND RAISED HERE, I LIVED AWAY FOR 50 YRS AND HAVE JUST RECENTLY RETURNED HOME. I VISITED OFTEN OVER THE PAST 50 YR AND HAVE WITNESSED REMARKABLE CHANGES-SOME BETTER AND SOME WORSE.
Although taxes did not increase this year, they have increased twice in recent years. I do not want to pay for subsidized teacher housing. I think the Board of Education wastes money on things like football artificial turf that possibly contaminated with lead. I like the county as it is and I do not want any of these so called improvements which cost me money and give me no value.
Although there have been efforts to bring industry/businesses to the area, these have only been in the area of breweries and bicycles. While I applaud these new ventures, TC must also do more to attract citizens of all ages, races and economic status.
Am not sure what direction we are headed. Question to vague. Like the next question. How has the growth been quantified? There are things that have happened and are happening in the County I am not happy about. Are those thing considered growth?
Am unaware of any problems
Antiquated beliefs = bad policies
As a part -time resident, I am not sure of the development and other issues in the county.
As a teen mom the school system didn't provide much help, making being able to get my degree that much harder.
As I do not know what you mean by right/wrong direction (no parameters) I don't know which it is doing.
As long as republicans are in office here and statewide this county and NC will get worse and worse and worse and more polluted and hateful and more backward. Republicans= Regression and repression and low information a la Fox News
Asking residents for input on a comprehensive plan is a good step in the right direction
At this time every store on main street is in business. The town has never looked better and this year it seems that we have more visitors.
Attempting to bring in new business.
Making the most of our natural resources and expanding bike paths. Completing the plan of rails to trails.
Attempting to maximize our natural resources to attract tourism and growing businesses
Attracting younger people with kids who appreciate the biking hiking beer culture
Average annual wage lags other local counties, strong need for affordable housing
balances job growth, environmental protection, tourism
Basing our economy solely on tourism. We will graduate approximately 300 high school students this year and very few will be able to have a job with a living wage in their home county.
Beautiful area mean people and not enough stuff for teenagers to do.
Because the cultural venues and outdoor venues are growing and they attract a higher-end tourist. The cultural tourist spends on average \$200.00 more a day...We need a higher speed internet... We need to attract techie companies...

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Because a huge number of residents do not feel they have a voice. Most people in this county have no idea what is going on. I understand the push for tourism, but we need jobs too. The tourism industry boasts that they create jobs, but they pay below the poverty level, and are seasonal. We should be looking for factories that make outdoor products (e.g. backpacks, canoes, paddles, mountain bikes, or parts for a product). Also, there should be more surveys where people can voice their opinion in private. This survey should be mailed out to every home in the county with a return envelope.
Because although we are small we are growing.
Because as a person who has grown up here I feel there isn't enough for the youth and with nothing for the youth to be involved in teens to be more crime.
Because I am very concerned about the direction North Carolina is going, in part due to our legislators but our local officials are in line with the legislator's agenda. I support Universal Health Care and am saddened and concerned that people want to change it. I also support education and am VERY concerned with what our state and local officials are doing to the educational system in NC/Transylvania County.
I do think the county is going in the right direction in terms of our growth in the Tourism industry, and capitalizing on our resources of our beautiful State Parks and National Forests.
Because I don't know.
Because I know people have not given up on this County. When the plants shut down, many people thought this County was done for, but we have more to offer than manufacturing plants. This evident by how long it takes just to drive from one of town to another.
Because I'm not sure.
Because it appears that there is no direction!
BECAUSE IT IS NOT GROWING TOO FAST
Because it used to be a thriving community with jobs and education. It now exists mostly on tourism and retirees. There is nothing here to sustain a community and it's been slowly falling apart for 15 yrs. or so. It's obvious to everyone else, why not our city and county government?
Because it's just retirees, bikers, and breweries there is nothing else here to do. Nothing for my child to enjoy
Because of the interactions I have with others in the community--everyone I talk with is enthusiastic about living here, and about making it livable and thriving for all members! People I engage with are ready, willing, and eager to make a positive difference as a collective, for the collective and the individual.
Because of the people who live here!
Because of you trying to bring in more businesses which will increase traffic and destroy the nice community it was. Been in Brevard for 35 years and have seen the traffic get worse and worse. And am disappointed in stores starting to stay open on Sunday just to get the almighty dollar an extra day.
Because our county leaders are more interested in tourism and biking trails than in getting industry so our younger generation can live here. They can't make a living working at fast food restaurants and bagging groceries.
Because planning ahead is a good thing in general.
Because the only jobs available here are low-paying service jobs, and we don't like how our community is being overrun and overpopulated by all the retirees and bicyclists.
because there is not enough for us young people to do
Because there is too much focus on tourism and the moved in retiree's than there is on the locals. Also the county funds seem to be used all in Brevard and very little in Rosman and other areas of Transylvania that need them.
Because they have just hired the new economic advisor to help get us on the right path
Because tourist are put before the native people whole live here all of their lives.
Because Transylvania County offers no future employment for our youth unless they want to work at fast-food establishments, school system or law enforcement. Recreation is nice but if you want a retirement community then you are heading the county in the right direction. It seems young natives of the county have no voice and/or representation.
Because we are putting bike and running before JOBS for our county residents.
Because we have just begun to live here part time.
Because we have many positive aspects about our country but we also have many negatives.
Because we keep questioning the present and plan for the future.
Becoming more open-minded, focused on growth in a direction that supports the community while also supporting our beautiful environment

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
becoming more tourist friendly
Been here since Sept 2014, love the water falls, have the internet, etc.
Beer and bicycles are an ignorant investment
Beer and bikes!
Being relatively new to the area, it seems the city is more progressive thinking than the county. But it also seems that typically with upgrades to systems, the burden is always put on the taxpayer, who is understandable to a degree, but governments are also notorious for wasted money used in operational expenses - a case of too many cooks in the kitchen for cost efficiency.
Believe focus must be on our greatest asset which is lifestyle
Better system in place to protect our natural wildlife and forests that this area brings
Bicyclists are a nuisance
big issues - long-term water supply, need for sewage treatment plant, high cost of public schools, limited funds to address needs, really terrible internet access that affects my business options, horrible cell phone access that affects my ability to do business
vs.
wonderful natural beauty, safe, not crowded, friendly, music venues, air quality
Bikes and beer have taken over our county. We need industry for jobs not more tourists.
Bikes, brews and youth
Biking and brewing industry
Blocking progress wishing for the old days when industry was here
Bracken Mountain Bike Trail
Branding our county as an outdoor destination has been very positive for the county.
Brevard has come alive! People here are happy and caring.
Brevard has to adapt to the changing times but we seem to move so very slowly - the bike path to Hendersonville jumps to mind. It was first mentioned in the 90s and it is still being debated.
Brevard is vibrant, has great restaurants and much more going on than thirty years ago. Transylvania has come alive!
Buildup of downtown
Building trails that are almost down town Brevard.
But we need to continue to plan for appropriate growth. I do NOT want us to become a Gatlinburg where the very things that draw us here are forsaken for commercialism!
But we still have much that needs work on. I know that tourism generates need funds in our county BUT there is a tendency to cater to the tourist and forget about the people that are here 24/7
BUT...I would like to see more tolerance and welcoming of the LGBT community (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender).
By doing this survey and listening to the people who live here.
Can't really say what direction it is going in if you can't see any clear direction it is trying to go. Definitely need to be more welcoming to more popular businesses.
Care is paid to preserving the natural environment which draws all of the tourists, retirees, and businesses.
Care seems to be taken before growth to be sure it is a good fit for the whole.
Careful analysis of proper expansion plans - focused on preserving our lifestyle.
Careful, planned thoughtful growth!
Caring about environment making more about recreation and visitor friendly
Catering to tourists is not going to get people good paying jobs.
Catering too much to the tourists
Cautious Development
Cautious, carefully considered growth and development with an appreciation for the beauty of nature.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Chose this because the big question that is asked is tied to growth. How do we grow? How fast should we grow? In what directions should we grow? I and others wonder if we should be asking and considering a different premise. Why not MAINTAIN, REFINE, RENEW, REDO? We think there are jobs for people in the sustainability sector. What about clean energy, solar, wind power? What about MAINTAINING and IMPROVING what we have here? We think there are jobs in this area. We just need to commit and attract. Involve Blue Ridge Community College and Brevard College. We have the resources right here. There certainly is enough brain power in this county. That's why so many choose here instead of North GA! So COLLABORATE with the relevant intellects that are already here. I'm thinking politicians and elected officials ought to reach out and embrace the colleges as part of the vital solutions needed.
Citizens stay involved and desire growth without harming the things that make this place special.
City council is listening. Hiring new manager.
Don't know about county beyond Brevard
City of Brevard, good to revamp community.
But we need to preserve the forest, and natural areas to upkeep the reason tourism is big in the first place and furthermore preserve biodiversity.
City planners have essentially driven out industry and other decent paying jobs and instead brought in more undesirable fast food jobs only fit for very uneducated or young people. How do you expect to keep people in this county when good jobs are scarce? We shouldn't have to drive all the way to Asheville or other places to be able to find meaningful employment. Putting all your eggs in one basket is not the best way to sustain the county as a whole. What I mean is tourism helps keep small businesses afloat, but we need much more than that! We do not have great tourism all year 'round! Not everyone can own a business and rely on tourism for income!
City planning seems to be good.
Commissioners and many voters seem to want to roll things back and tend not to be very forward-thinking, which deters young people and new businesses.
Commissioners are not positive thinking and active.
Commissioners seem a bit too much in the past.
commissioners vote down anything that is progressive
Commitment by citizens
community commitment
Community oriented growth
Concern over infrastructure, roads and technology.
Concerned about lack of attention to infrastructure.
Concerned about the lack of economic diversity and opportunity
Concerned about the lack of long-range planning. Also the crying need for zoning. Henderson County has zoning. Why are we so far behind?
Concerns about business opportunities in our community.
Connecting walking trails
Constant expenditure on "studies" and contracting specialists to assess county/city needs.
Continued growth
Controlled community growth, outdoor, natural resource focus. Limit tacky tourist trap businesses to junk up our community
Controlled growth
controlled growth
cost of living
County and business leaders seem genuinely motivated to make Transylvania a better place to live.
County Comm. is not progressive enough and afraid to tax....way too conservative.
County commission divided between forward looking/liberal/outdoor rec and backward looking/conservative/manufacturing
County commission doesn't understand economic development and doesn't have a viable economic development plan
County commissioners are "do nothing" elected officials with no vision. City of Brevard City Council is actively working to dismantle all that is good about Brevard. They have gone from being visionary to focusing on their own selfish interests. They are more corrupt than the county commission, which is hard to imagine.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
County commissioners are not serious or informed about investing serious money in a smart strategy for growing economic opportunity and repairing or building infrastructure on which it and we can function.
County commissioners are too conservative and seem to operate on a crisis basis dealing only with current issues. Feel that they have no long-range goals or aspirations for the county.
County Commissioners continue to vote NO on proposals for land use planning. Without better long-term planning, the county will be developed in a manner that is unattractive, inefficient, and counter productive.
County Commissioners fail to properly support business (including tourist and recreation) with actions such a rails to trails, better bike lanes. Instead they hold to the belief that we will have industry in Transylvania County.
county commissioners seem to be not as interested in advancing the cause of the county as their own political future....insider power sometimes overtakes good intentions
County does not appear to be embracing the recommendations of the consultant in regards to economic development as it relates to eco-tourism. Still looking for "heavy" manufacturing which is not realistic and also detrimental to the environment.
County fathers doing their best to take us into the 19th century
county government is getting too large
County is failing to spend the \$\$ necessary to provide appropriate sites to attract new businesses that will provide employment opportunities for residents.
County is in transition and not sure of the direction.
County is not focusing on the right things; seems to focus too much on tourism and bringing in "outsiders" and not on their residents
County is taking care of its own.
County is too willing to spend taxpayer funds on things that are oriented more towards tourists rather than things that benefit your everyday full time residents.
County leaders are running locals into the ground in favor of tourism.
County needs a strong business dev. group need major improvements to 64 from Rosman to Jackson Co. Line
County needs business growth, the county needs to keep our youth locally. They graduate from college and end up flipping burgers in McDonalds. NO future in tourism.
County needs to shift from emphasis on tourism to recruitment of industry.
County relies heavily on personal government transfers which impede demographic diversification.
County seems to be at crossroads to next 10 yrs.
County spending too much money to attract undesirable growth
County/town appears to be reluctant toward business growth, attracting new industry, etc.
Current commissioners seem to feel we need and can get more big industry like DuPont, and fail to recognize the natural resource/tourist assets of the County. Not progressive.
Current philosophy to make this a tourist mecca and nothing else
Cycling friendly and environmentally conscious.
Decisions seem to be based upon tourist needs rather than children and families
Decline in families relocating with children relocating here
Definitely the playground of NC!
Depends on where your daily activities are and if those can be done in that area. Location is good but out of the way for a lot of activities I have in Asheville and SC
Depends too much on tourism which brings low paying service jobs
Despite the loss of major industrial employers, we are still vibrant and growing in new ways, unlike other small towns that have lost manufacturers.
deteriorating infrastructure
Developing the brewing and biking industries.
Development of biking/hiking trails, allowing beer breweries to set up business
Development of programs for families
Development of strategic sidewalk/multi-use/trail plan.
Development on roads like 276 and 64 are becoming more and more littered with unattractive building (i.e. Metal sheds)
Development starting up again after recession.
Dialogues and conversations within the community.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
direction county is heading is not clear
Direction isn't clear; desires in one direction, action in another
Direction not clearly defined
Discourage new businesses
Do not like all the beer businesses
Does not appear to want to make any positive commitments for the future.
Does not look like they have a direction. Beer City USA should not be our destiny.
doesn't seem to be changing that fast
Doesn't seem to be much planning for the future.
Done a good job in dealing with growth, have not compromised the quality of life.
Don't know enough about the plans to comment...
don't know the current vision of the county
Don't really know county direction. We, as most people who transplant here, came here for the small college town atmosphere. Brevard, with the Music Center and somewhat purple political atmosphere is unique amongst most small southern towns. I would hate to lose the feel of the community in the name of unregulated growth.
Doubt that the County Commission and general conservative thinking (e.g., no new taxes, fiscal extreme conservatism, and keep gov.t off of "my property/back") is willing to raise taxes or use other financial means to pay for the needs of the county. In this I emphasize education, and needed infrastructure such as water & sewerage, as well as more extended and long range zoning.
Doubtful about overly planned comprehensive statements if hidden within it is an agenda that will restrict and over regulate the citizens of the region. We have a fine community and I suspect any plan that attempts to apply a one-plan fits all approach with progressive/socialist tendencies. We don't need a centralized plan that has the potential to restrict individual choices and increase taxes. We already have that in our out of control federal government and bureaucracy. We need locally generated and locally approved plans that unites the community and brings us together for sensible change and free-market growth.
Down town is bustling compared to a few years ago and Silvermont is becoming the gem in Transylvania's crown.
Downtown area continues to improve - better shops, better restaurants.
Downtown continues to become more vital and interesting. Outdoor activities are easier to access. Government is becoming more progressive.
Downtown growth
Downtown is alive and continues to improve.
Downtown is becoming revitalized, more opportunities for food/entertainment, expansion of outdoor activities/facilities
Downtown is thriving.
Due to the fact there is no high paying jobs here. Hard to raise a family.
Economic Development
Economic development momentum
Economic development seems to be a focus with livability/qol deemed important by most citizens. Getting rails to trails would help immensely to provide more venues for cyclists
Economically seems good, politically ambiguous
Economics and school decline
economy
Ecusta Trail
Ecusta trail, many sports venues, good, clean air and water. Citizens who care
Education is not being given priority by County Commissioners. Also, lack of cooperation and coordination with Brevard City Council and with regional planning structures retards thoughtful progress.
Education seems limited in importance and funding
Efforts in planning and economic development
Elected officials have not been willing to invest in growth
Embracing progressive industries
Embracing tourism/tourist dollars
Emphasis on tourism and a destination for outdoor recreation
Emphasizing and taking advantage of natural resources for economic and quality of life benefits.
Encouraging breweries to come to the area supporting WNC in becoming the "go-to" location for beer brewing operations :)

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Encouraging outdoor sports and tourism. Great festivals, music and growing brewery industry.
environment and outdoor recreation
Even considering moving the Courthouse from downtown makes me think the County is on the verge of moving in the wrong direction. The desire of an apparent majority to convert the railroad tracks into an Ecusta Trail for recreation also gives me pause to believe that the County may be moving in the wrong direction. Transylvania needs to maintain the ability to attract a few manufacturing employers, maintain its charm and character and its sense of place and community.
Everyone talks about economic growth but no one is willing to work with manufacturers and others businesses to bring them here.
Everything is centered around tourism and the elderly. That is good because that brings the county money but bad for the locals and the younger crowd as there is not much offered here for them to do.
Everything is for tourist
Everything is spaced out and lots of room
Excellent support for schools.
Expanding on outdoor activities (trail growth, forest/ waterfall access, festivals)
Failed Economic Growth plans over the past 13 yrs.
Failing to plan for water / sewer development. Lack of progressive schools. Foolish failure to develop Ecusta trail due to non-existent "property rights" and other illogical issues.
Failure of political leaders to adapt to changed realities - e.g., thinking a big industry will select Ecusta plant site, failure or county commissioners to act to make Transylvania County a business-friendly, welcoming environment; no zoning, no infrastructure, no industrial park, etc.
FAILURE TO ATTRACT NEW BUSINESS DUE DETERRENT AND LIKELY UNNECESSARY REGULATIONS. LOOK AT THE SUCCESS OF NEW BUSINESS GROWTH IN OUR NEIGHBOR, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS WELL AS OTHER GROWING STATES. FOLLOW THEIR PLAN OF ACTION, YOU DONT HAVE A SPEND THOUSAND OF STUDY DOLLARS TO REINVENT THE WHEEL. LOWER TAXES AND REGULATION FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENTS ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES
Family oriented
Farmers Market, local farms, local music, beauty
Feel we need new business that's not beer or cycling
Feels like we are all about tourism. We need to help the ones who still live here and need to make a living to be able to stay in this county.
Finally recognizing that tourism is not a bad thing.
Finally starting to see some growth.
Focus on lively downtown
focus on natural settings
focus on outdoor experience and local farming
Focus on promoting our natural resources
Focus on schools and downtown.
Focus on tourism
Focus on tourism rather than industry/economic growth.
Focusing on tourism is good, but we need to attract business/industry to this county.
Focusing on tourist industry (biking and brewery) that does not provide a living wage for the community
For every step toward making meaningful investments in the community, there is a larger and slower step toward delay and over-deliberation. Water, product for business, incentives to grow and attract businesses, education, all are economic drivers that remain in neutral. Though the county has a huge resource of volunteer spirit, there is not the same will to marshal resources for real, tangible investments unless the private sector steps up. Hopefully, this will change for the good of the whole county, which will again rely on a balanced, home-grown economic mix that energizes the entire community; instead of groups continuing in their silos and an imbalanced reliance on tourism, fed by travelers from areas with growing economies who then return home.
For one reason, the little man and small businesses have consistently been given a cold shoulder by the city of Brevard making it nearly impossible to start a business without jumping through a thousand hoops unless you are part of the downtown elite clique of business owners.
For the most part everything seems to be harmonious within this county. Crime rate seems to be on the lower side in comparison with other counties.
French Broad Condos marred the landscape and aren't selling.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Fresher ideas and the outdoor focus
From a business standpoint they dropped the ball many years ago and it is now obvious that the business climate in the USA and NC is less than desirable for new business startups.
From a tourist, business side it seems okay. From a moral, family values perspective, it is declining.
From the last Census
Per Capita Income \$23,757 per year
Persons Below Poverty Level 14.3%
From the past several year the appearance has been the counties building department and city departments have tried their best to make it so hard for businesses to come into the county that we have no business. The only business for the county is tourism which provides only domestic jobs during the summer. The county along with the city MUST stop this or our county will lose the working class and only be a retirement community.
Geared to tourism vs. residents' needs for daily living. Culture could be more transplant-friendly/accepting.
General, green direction
GENERALLY ... access to nature; small and interesting restaurants, interest groups, sensible/polite public officials ...
Goals center around tourism instead of attempting to bring in industries providing decent wages
Going TOO liberal, TOO crowded, Bad traffic flow, WRONG industries
Gone downhill in last 10 years. Too much focus on tourists and not enough on the people who live here.
Good education, police, fire, EMS- Services -
Good fiscal responsibility and plans for future growth
Good leaders, mayor Harris , Artie Wilson, Commissioner Chapman
Good leadership understanding the mixed age groups and economic levels.
Good local representative government
good mix of business, nature and people
Good motivation among leaders to plan and direct growth. Leaders listen to the people.
Good planning by leaders who listen to the people
Good things have been done, but we need to respect and protect those who have always been here.
Governing growth
grass roots efforts by people such as Leslie Logemann to build interest and activities in the county
Great little town, clean, strong community.
Great place to live but it's a slowly dying town.
Great schools
Great small town and friendly people!
Green space etc.
Growing
Growing arts community
Growing national reputation. Serious loyalty to the town by its residents.
Growth
Growth happening in only one direction....tourism. Too many eggs I one basket.
Growth has shifted to focus on utilizing and preserving our natural resources and beauty.
Growth in new businesses
Growth in tourism through the arts, cycling, and other recreation.
Growth of beer industry in the county may be good for revenue, but I don't think it is contributing positively to the quality of life
Growth of outdoor activities, restaurants, and community events.
Growth of young families creates a strong community.
Hanging on, less progress in upper county
Hard for working families to afford living here. Definitely catering to tourists and retirees.
Hard tell as I don't see much change or improvement. Rosman seems the same. The only improvement I have noticed is the rafting sites, and that seems to be of not much interest to the locals.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Hard to find local good paying jobs. Not a lot of things for the younger generation to do unless they are into sports.
Has not responded to huge national popularity of biking culture. Riders are forced into danger and discomfort of being on road with cars. BIKE PATHS ARE NEEDED EVERYWHERE.
Hate to see it grow too much and lose a lot of its natural culture. We seem to be attracting a lot of fast food places and no longer have the Mom and Pop dines that were so much a part of the community.
Have kept small town feel.
have not been involved in politics here
Have only been here 18 months
Have only lived here 1 1/2 years. We think it is important to protect our unique environment. We do need industry but would like to see green industries attracted to the area; We need to plan carefully so that Brevard does not become just another mountain town surrounded by strip malls. The integrity of our lovely downtown needs to be maintained. We need to capitalize on what makes us unique - lots of recreational opportunities, white squirrels and a friendly town where people are glad to live. Brevard has a wonderful "feel" to it. I think this is in part because of the beauty that surrounds us. People are out and about, happy and glad to be here.
Have only lived here 3 years
have to be careful of "growth" ruining the reasons people live here
Haven't kept up with different plans and ideas
Haven't seen the current plan.
Heading in the right direction, but reluctantly being dragged there and likely finding a way through the County Commissioners to go back to the "good old days of large industry." I think we should put emphasis on the virtues that we have and finally develop tourism as the best we can do for jobs and the welfare of the county. Development of a bike/hiking path from the fish hatchery down Davidson River would draw families to Brevard. The camps are already doing some of that and this draw could be expanded with businesses that offer shuttles, rental bikes and all the amenities that are needed for staying here. It takes a little money to make money.
High interest in cycling, and positive support for new initiatives like Ecusta trail.
High value placed by many on preserving and enjoying natural resources and the arts, which is why I love it here. I believe many in the county are hurting economically so economic growth is important, but I'm happy with the county as it is.
Higher math and science courses at college level. Provide High Tech jobs that will preserve the natural resources.
highlighting recreational activities
Hodge podge development, lack of zoning, roadsides are beginning to look trashy.
Honestly - I feel like the county should have more activities for the youth. We strive to please the elder, retired community but rarely offer anything to the future of America in terms of entertainment (unless you drink beer or ride a bike)
Hostile attitude toward business other than that geared toward tourism.
How about three:
Excessively restrictive on commercial or industrial business that may wish to build here.
Future tax rates will escalate due to infrastructure, i.e. water, roads, maintenance.
Too much spent on county vehicles and vehicle upgrades.
However-leadership has not brought needed jobs
http://accessnc.commerce.state.nc.us/docs/countyProfile/NC/37175.pdf speaks for itself
I am a local from generations back and it is aggravating to deal with the excess amount of people (and the #'s are growing) who flood the county in tourist season bc of the growing reputation of Trans. Co. being a great place to vacation. Locals lose the ability to access public areas-ex.PNF-bc those areas are becoming overrun with out of town ppl who trash the places and then go back home without a care bc it is not their back yard...but it is mine, and it disgusts me when people ruin our unique mountain land. This is becoming more prevalent as the years pass bc Trans. Co. is becoming too well known.
I am a native. I am not one of the natives that are against growth...I like the growth I am seeing. Education for the young people that can teach them to think out of the industry box will help so much. I love the people who have moved here, they are wonderful volunteers. We have a lot of seniors and I see this continuing. Seniors need education to help them stay healthy and social.
I am a new resident so have no opinion as to the direction it is currently taking.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
I am concerned that employment opportunities are very limited for young people.
I am concerned that some of the County Commissioners and other key decision makers are too stuck in traditional thinking and will not listen to opinions that are not aligned with their own.
I am concerned that there is not enough diversity in employment options. There needs to be an effort to add businesses that pay higher wages and require skill levels that BC and BRCC can provide.
I am encouraged that we plan on the direction of development and new businesses in the county. Very concerned over lack of zoning.
I am hearing too many people say that the county is <u>only</u> interested in tourism and shunning any new industry.
I am more aware of changes and growth within Brevard College rather than the city/county as a whole.
I am new to the area
I am new to the area. I have no comparisons yet. However, the county has so much to offer including its beauty, I can't imagine anything but growth once others find out about it.
I am not happy with the increasing beer businesses or the onslaught of bicycles.
I am not clear that any actions being taken or planned will increase economic prosperity for residents of the county.
I am not completely aware of what goes on in my community
I am not in favor for being known of the breweries. We need more industry to provide jobs for our people that live here year round. We are catering too much to the tourists.
I am not into the county meetings.
I am not very informed on current decisions that would affect what happens here.
I am pleased (in general) with actions taken by the city and the county. The Brevard Music Center is becoming more internationally known. We have better restaurants and our city is becoming more of a destination for tourists, campers and people with good taste!
I am unsure of our county's financial status.
I appreciate the county commissioner's discernment when approving businesses coming to the county, specifically regarding the issue of the biomass facility in 2013.
I believe it is very hard for young families to make it in Transylvania county because the cost of living is so high and seems to be geared more towards retirees and tourists. However Transylvania has so much natural beauty and is a wonderful place to raise a family.
I believe that the county is earnestly looking to improve economic conditions and encouraging growth in the proper areas, i.e. clean, non-polluting businesses, tourism, retail, light industry.
I believe the notion that you must grow to survive is wrong-headed and impossible to sustain forever.
I believe there is a push and pull between those who believe there is no way to mix the recent turn toward tourism with the desire of some to see more manufacturing. It is important for those doing planning to realize that many of us whose families have been here for generations know that tourism is a BIG part of history (especially during the early and mid-part of the century); and that manufacturing in this county is more the history of the 60s-80s when a large influx of out of county people moved here for the jobs. The biggest misconception among those who moved here in the 60s, 70s and 80s is that our community has always been Ecusta and DuPont, and that is simply not the case. Tourism existed alongside manufacturing. The recent comments by a County Commissioner that "Ecusta built most of this county" is a myth. Many camps and recreational businesses existed long before Ecusta and DuPont. Ecusta and DuPont HELPED build this county.
I believe we are catering to tourists instead of the people who were born and raised here. Instead of putting in places that stay true to our small town roots we are putting in business to draw in more tourists.
I believe we are starting to embrace what makes us unique and attractive to residents and businesses. We will not see the return of large scale manufacturing here and it's time to accept that and move on.
I can think of several reasons easily: more biking culture, more music culture, good food - restaurant and farm
I can't say right or wrong but I am so concerned for our school system because we do not have what it takes to keep young families here - families who want desperately to live here - because we do not have good, solid jobs with decent pay and benefits.
I chose this answer because there are no job opportunities in this county. This is not a good thing for our youth; we will have to go out of the county to get a job which is inconvenient and expensive.
I chose this, because the community could go either way in terms of jobs, youth, etc. I see both happening on a daily basis.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
I chose wrong because Transylvania county caters more to the tourist than the actual natives who grew up here and continue to call this home. There aren't many job opportunities or affordable housing options. I grew up here and I'm proud to call this home, but enough is enough. The natives of this county are what make this county.
I city officials seem to think through all possibilities when they are making decisions.
I do not have enough information to form a valid opinion
I do believe it's heading in the right direction. However, it seems to be growing a bit too fast and I'm afraid that one day it will become like Asheville and not retain its small-town flavor.
I do like catering to environmentally sustainable clean outdoor sports and nature industry not industrial
I do not agree with most of the policies or actions of our Board of County Commissioners.
I do not believe our leadership is committed to rebuilding our economy in a sustainable way. Investments in infrastructure are critical if we are to attract employers who will pay living wages and provide steady employment. Tourism and construction bring money to the county however, construction is highly cyclical and tourism results in low paying jobs. We have had opportunities in the past but have failed to secure manufacturing jobs due to our infrastructure needs.
I do not feel that the county has the right idea about bringing more jobs to the people who live here.
I do not know what direction they are intending to go, so I am not sure.
I also continue to hear about businesses or people wanting to come to Transylvania County and then hear that the Chamber, Commissioners, or others turn them down or make it impossible to build here.
I do not live, but only work, in Transylvania County, and have not really paid attention to what direction it is heading in.
I do see a definite direction
I don't feel like our county is doing enough to bring in jobs that pay a good wage to live on and I don't feel like our county does enough to support public education.
I don't feel that I know enough about how the county is governed or run to say "right" or "wrong". It feels like it is growing in a positive direction.
I don't feel there is anything being done to recruit industry to the county!!! If there is it is there are so many rules and regulations the industry has to meet they go somewhere else!!! Give them incentives to come here Buncombe and Henderson does!!!
I don't have enough knowledge to make a judgement.
I don't know enough about future plans to have an opinion.
I don't know enough about TC politics to know if it is headed in the right direction or not.
I don't know if the county is heading in any particular direction. I know there have been some efforts to attract new businesses. I have seen some success in this effort. But I don't know if the city/county is trying to attract certain types of businesses.
I don't know in what direction we ARE headed.
I don't know much about the county plan. I like the bike trail plan, downtown seems to be doing well.
I don't know what direction the county is going in??????
I don't know what direction the county is headed.
I don't know where it is headed.
I don't pay attention to anything that goes on that doesn't concern me or my friends or my family
I don't read the newspaper enough. I know I think the school system is dominated by a good old boy system, and as I look at schools for my child, I am reluctant to send him to Middle School or High School here.
I don't see a consistent plan being implemented. Without zoning you cannot control proper land use.
I don't see any clear direction for Transylvania County
I don't see much improvement in the job market.
I don't think that designing our economy around tourism will serve us well in the future. Industry is more likely to provide sustained growth, creating jobs, bringing families back to the county rather than catering to the retired tourist population.
I don't think we are headed in the right direction when on any given morning you can drive highways 280 and 64 traffic is bumper to bumper with people going to jobs in Henderson or Buncombe Counties. Same thing on Saturdays and Sundays everyone is driving to Arden, Asheville and Hendersonville to shop or go to movies. Brevard is not local resident friendly! Not when you have to drive around and around to find a parking space. I've said the town of Brevard has the rest of Transylvania held hostage. I was born and raised here, worked here and raised my family but we've lost something that I don't think we can get back.
I don't want it to move in any direction. I like it as it is. If I wanted to live in a place with more businesses or more industry or more people, I would have moved somewhere else.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
I feel like if we get one more hotel like Holiday or Hampton, the amount of tourism could usurp the resident community's culture. I like the emphasis on small businesses in Transylvania and would hate to see Brevard turn into boutiques and strip malls.
I feel like more jobs are starting to come to the area, which is really nice for young people looking for employment
I feel like the county is stuck, it wants to develop but there is too much resistance.
I feel like the unemployment rate is pretty high, and the County should strive to fix that. The amount of poverty is also pretty extreme and that is related to all the people who do are not employed. This should be the main priority. Also, from what I can tell, Transylvania County depends way too much on tourism.
I feel like there is a strong, ultra conservative/religious component who will continue to resist change and interpret many civic issues as religious issues.
I feel like we should be focusing on attracting businesses other than those that are tied to outdoor recreation. We have approximately 50% of our county in public lands from US Forests, State Forests, State Parks, and Federal Parks, so outdoor recreation companies will come here regardless! They typically do not create that many jobs, so for these reasons, I think the county should focus on companies that need help locating here and provide the most jobs.
I feel mixed b/c although the development is good for financial things, it seems like the county is geared increasingly toward retirees and tourists rather than middle class residents. It becomes hard to afford living here, and I can't afford to buy a house in the county so I commute from Candler. The property values are skewed for rich retirees and tourists. I think there should be some more focus on locals
I feel our commissioners are not forward thinking. They seem to dislike change
I feel people are having to move away in order to provide a living for their family
I feel that change is happening so slowly that it is sometimes hard to know if we are heading in the right direction.
I feel that our country needs to encourage new industries and businesses to relocate here in
Transylvania County.
I feel that the county circles around the tourist during the summer. The twilight tour has not been good in YEARS.
I feel that the county has started to rely too much on tourism and not enough on industry. While the county supports industry nominally, the county seems to say "we want industry" but what is really being said is "we want 'certain' industry'. This is frustrating for a young professional who was born and raised here, but have to travel to a neighboring county to work.
I feel that there are too many committees/organizations that are doing the same thing in the city/county.
I feel that there is a definite push for Transylvania to become more of tourist trap than it already is. I believe some people are pushing for a "Gatlinburg" feel. This leaves mostly minimum wage jobs for those people that actually live in the county. Most families cannot live solely off of a minimum wage job. We need industry here. Something to allow people to make money to fuel the local economy. We cannot depend only on tourists to keep our economy going.
I feel that we are not providing opportunities for young families to move into our county. Child care is extremely limited, thus not inviting to the younger population.
I feel that we need to take more steps to encourage more businesses to locate here so that our young people don't have to leave to find jobs.
I feel the county is relying too heavily on tourism. We need to shift some of our focus on industries and manufacturing. We need to offer well-rounded, prosperous jobs to our young people and existing work aged folks.
I feel the folks who were born and raised here, and continue to raise the next generation cater to the tourists without thoroughly thinking Long term of certain plans or businesses
I feel there is a lot of potential that is overlooked. We need work opportunities for the young people and the middle class native to Transylvania. Not seemingly only for those who move here from other areas- no matter how close or far. Incentives should help the local people, not those who weren't raised here. And wholesome, family oriented good-for-all businesses. We do not need a money-maker type that can actually do more harm to the family structure.
I feel we are starting to appropriately expose all of nature's beauty that we have around us. I think there is plenty of work that can be done to further enhance our hold on the tourism industry. We get an abundant amount of visitors as is evident by taking a drive through Brevard on the weekend. However, there aren't nearly enough visitors that stay in Transylvania County for lodging. Often times they will head over to Henderson on Buncombe County for lodging. Appropriate lodging and hotels is something I feel should be strongly encouraged moving forward.
I feel we have many positives, but also a few negatives. We seem to be the little town industry has forgotten.
I have always thought Transylvania County was a perfect place to be a bicycling community.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
I have been going to school elsewhere for the last several years and it has been difficult to follow what has been going on with the county.
I have heard that new businesses have a very hard time with the city government in getting all the pieces together to start their businesses. Lots of obstacles.
I have lived here for 4 years; growth in this County seems stagnant
I have little communication with the County regarding past , present and future plans except thru local friends
I have lived here one year, so I don't have a sense of trends.
I have no idea where the county as a whole is headed - I can see some isolated changes like new businesses but also see failures at change. there does not seem to be a comprehensive plan for change or direction
I have no idea where we are heading.
I have not been here long enough to tell where it is heading, but I see very limited opportunities for young, educated people.
I have not researched the area's priorities sufficiently enough to answer this question.
I have only lived here 1-1/2 years so I don't have a lot of history. But it seems like some businesses are opening and the local govt is making a great effort to move forward.
I have only lived here a short time.
I have only lived here a week, but based on what I have seen, like the public library, the Farmer's Market, and the availability of family events that occur almost every weekend, I would guess the county is headed in the right direction.
I have seen no movement toward paving my road. I spend a SIGNIFICANT amount of tax dollars and I live on Nancy Mountain Road which is unpaved to my location. Although I paid to pave my own driveway.
I have two children that will have to move away from here to get a good paying job with a career. There isn't any jobs here other than the County and small business. The owners of small business does alright financially but the employees don't.
I have two young children and it seems the town is based around tourism and outdoor activities and not necessarily toward the growth of career jobs. I don't know that I see a long term future here for my children and ultimately my husband and I.
I haven't been as involved as I should have.
I haven't lived here very long so don't feel I can answer this question.
I haven't studied the current growth plan
I hear anecdotal stories about how the Town of Brevard is hard to deal with for new restaurants/enterprises
I honestly haven't heard much detail about future planning -- just general goals and desires. I've met many younger families who would like to be in the area but have had a difficult time finding employment or affording housing.
I hope in the right direction but find some of our county commissioner's vote with their personal interests in mind and not for what is best for the greater good of the county. I also think we need to expand our communication system....our internet is a problem and the county needs to find a way to bring competition to town or facilitate Comporuim in improving their service.
I hope it is heading in the right direction. I appreciate the assistance that is available for poor people. I know there needs to be more jobs and affordable housing. I would hope that no one goes to bed hungry, but I know they do.
I just haven't seen a lot that the county is doing to make me think one way or the other. I do lean towards the wrong direction. I don't feel like there is a cohesiveness that brings the whole of the community together.
I know tourism is a large industry in the county, but would like to see more employment opportunities for the young people i.e. industry
I have lived here less than one year, so it is hard to see what direction we are going. I like what I see, although I was sad to lose The Clock and gain Bo jangles. I don't want us to lose businesses that are unique to the area and gain ones that make us look like Anywhere, USA.
I like developments that attract tourists (DuPont forest, biking trails etc.) but hope it doesn't get too crowded! Some signs of new industries (brewing); But there are still huge challenges for the poor--lack of public transport; lack of local jobs
I like how the County is catering to tourists and bicyclists from out of town
I like my small town. I feel all the tourist and retired foreigners are trying to take over and develop this town. They're making it where the locals can barely afford to live here anymore.
I like some of the things that are being done concerning outdoor recreational activities and protecting our environment. I am concerned that there is no long-range plan to guide development and that there seems to be little concern for some level of zoning or land-use planning.
I like that it has become more walkable, that most of the development is centrally located in Brevard or Rosman.
I like that there are active groups in place planning for growth intentionally, with a focus on recreation, families, and tourism.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
I like that we have such a beautiful area and a lot of awesome unique local businesses. But I don't like that we are becoming so involved with trying to please tourists that we are striving to create and locate businesses for their benefit alone. Building more near our national parks distracts from the serenity and natural beauty.
I like the addition of trails and the bike path, but downtown is becoming more commercialized.
I like the continued development and enhancement of the downtown area including new high quality restaurants and stores.
I like the county the way it was. I moved here because I liked it the way it was when I moved here. I do not want my taxes raised by liberal county politicians. I do not like spending my tax dollars on school items I think are unnecessary or those that are wasteful. I resent having to help pay for artificial turf in the football stadium. I do not want to pay a big salary for a football coach. I do not want to pay for subsidized teacher housing for teachers who make more than I do (which is the case). I think the two liberal county commissioners have ideas which are not in keeping with the wishes of the majority of residents.
I like the diversity in the community.
I like the focus on outdoor recreation
I like the focus on outdoor recreation, the surrounding beauty, the arts and youth, as well as opportunities for seniors to contribute to quality of life for all/
I like the focus on tourism, sidewalks, access to Pisgah Forest, development of unique downtown, development of affordable housing for teachers, police officers, social workers, fireman etc. and education.
I like the idea that we don't have big box stores for the most part and the area is naturally beautiful, but we also need jobs to attract younger people.
I like the increased green spaces.
I like the support toward the outdoor sport/living. It great for bringing money into the county and promotes a healthier lifestyle.
I live in county, but outside the city. City taxes do not apply to us.
I live in Jackson County
I lived here in the late 1960's. In comparison, the area has become more aware of the natural resources and the value of preserving those resources. The area is more diverse and has managed to keep its original charm and neighborliness.
I love how it is now and am not against change but am concerned that some have an agenda for large growth.
I love the downtown festivals and friendly business people, but I miss the families having a place to work that gave them a great quality of life. It's time to bring industry to this county, instead of just talking about it.
I love the focus on community and the outdoors!
I love the laid back pace and the Summer time tourist and how beautiful the Winter is here. The locals who work outside don't like the winter but it comes every year stock up food and firewood and save your money and enjoy.
I LOVE the natural beauty, outdoor activities and culture, but am very concerned about the lack of truly High Speed Internet, sewage treatment and effective recruitment of new businesses.
I love the notion of ecotourism for our county and how it can attract young families and green businesses to our county.
I love the small town charm of Brevard and always have but we are going in the wrong direction. Here is why: 1. Mission take over our local hospital and taking services such as OB away 2. Only new restaurants making it in Brevard are fast food 3. Both Asheville & Hendersonville are growing nicely and I truly see decline in Brevard 4. Most all officials are only worried about growth for Heart of Brevard and not entire county growth
I moved here in August 2014 and from what I see with cycling enthusiasm, it is heading in a direction I like.
I moved to Brevard for the quite small town charm and atmosphere. If I had desired to live in a busy location, I would have moved to Hendersonville or Waynesville. In the 12 years I have lived here the county and city have become too focused on tourism especially encouraging bike riders. Too often I encounter riders riding two abreast in the middle of the roadway. Many yield, but others simply ignore you. Or, give you an obscene gesture. Laws regarding bike riders need to be updated.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
I personally feel this way because there isn't anything here for our youth. My kids are grown, but soon I will have grand-kids. When I was growing up here we at least had a skating rink. So many times when our nephew comes to visit in the summer we have to go out of town just to find something to do. Not to mention we need more good family restaurants like Fatz or Applebee's.
I say this because we are no longer 100% represented by people who want everything to stay the same even though it is completely detrimental for the good of the people ALTHOUGH we do have a majority of people who feel that way on Bd of Commissioners. It seems as though we are on the precipice of tremendous growth and opportunity and we have to have forward-thinking politicians to move us forward. I hate to think what will happen when Mike Hawkins and Page Lemel reach the end of their terms. We could be plunged back into darkness and victims of utterly ludicrous conspiracy theories (the org that Chappell, Hogsed and? voted us out of that embarrassed us all a couple of years ago).
I see a movement towards planning for economic development; increased focus on tourism and outdoor activities to grow the economy; realization that factories are not the future.
I see active efforts to encourage job creation and a focus on making the most of our recreational resources.
I see an increased awareness of varying sectors of our community and recognition that we need each other to move forward together. But we still have a long way to go. The first best step is a willingness to respectfully listen to one another.
I see Brevard growing but not the outlying areas. Also, I would not like to see the beautiful forest being jeopardized.
I see good and bad in the county; Transylvania County is going too much toward tourism and bringing in people from other areas and pushing the residents out. Families are having to split up to find work.
I see high schools that seem to be doing well and moderate controlled business growth.
I see hope for middle class here
I see how businesses are coming in and how the leaders of this county want to make things better, what the local government gives money to and what they just strike of the table without a moment's thought. The emergency services here are suffering because the commissioners want newer buildings or upgrades to existing ones. What they need to realize is that EMS is so far behind on a forward progression that it is beginning to show the wear and tear. A run down building is there base, ambulances that have mechanical issues because they are having to running longer than designed for, etc.
I see increased interest in promoting outdoor activities, taking advantage of our natural resources.
I see many signs of change but I don't know what the finished projects will look like or how they will affect the quality of life here. I also do not know what projects have been approved and are in the pipeline so I don't know if I will like forthcoming changes. I also do not have a clear understanding of council/commission's decisions regarding infrastructure.
I see more tourism. I see a larger Farm's Market. A few new businesses.
I see more tourist activity, more enthusiasm and far more vitality than when I moved here five years ago. That is very good. What is not so good is that jobs making Transylvania County appealing for young families are still scarce and too-low paying.
I see more work being done on the French Broad River which is home to much recreational business.
I see more young people showing interest in our county.
I see new people and new businesses all the time. Yippee!
I see positive things happening at the same time I see resistance to progress and change.
I see progress being made towards goals necessary to make this a community that works for all ages.
I see some positive things and some things that do not appeal to me
I see the city commissioners going in the right direction, but the county commissioners seem not to be able to get out of the "let's go back to the 1950's" mentality. They can't move forward
I see the county not moving forward. Not having been 'born and raised' here there seems to be an 'us and them' complex. Not helpful for moving forward. It also seems to me we have an incredible area to offer and through careful planning and zoning we can create a more attractive county to businesses. In creating a more attractive area for economic growth, I believe something like the Ecusta Trail would not only bring positive economic growth for the area, but it gives our area quality of life, which in turn brings more economic growth. More than bike shop jobs, more than restaurant jobs. It brings people who want to relocate their business here because they like the quality of life. It is frustrating to watch the County push back and hold out hope for an industry with rail when putting support behind the trail is a better option.
I see us catering a lot to the tourists and new people who come in, but feel that sometimes people who have lived in the area for all (or most) of their lives are not considered. One example is the bike paths that seem to be used by a very small segment of the overall population, but are an appeal to tourists (maybe?)
I see very little being done for young families barely earning a living wage. No jobs and no opportunities for children and families.



Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
I sometimes feel that there is a lack of communication within the county government
I support the county soliciting input from the community, the increase in green-ways and green spaces, attracting an athletic-nature loving based tourism and acknowledging that the probability of bringing in huge factories is not realistic in today's economy or for our rural town. Making Transylvania County attractive to small locally owned business, especially ones that can produce a local product and not just a service, will build a more sustainable and diverse economy. Also, trying to sustain an environment that allows our teenagers to have safe things to do after school and in the summers is much needed to help our local families.
I think all the efforts to make this area attractive to tourists are great but I also think it is essential to draw "green" manufacturers into the area for long term economic growth and stability.
I think it grows more and more progressive as more people move here from bigger cities. I like that we are attracting other young, liberal, like-minded folks from Asheville.
I think it would depend on what aspect of the county you were speaking of. I strongly agree with the direction the county is taking in some areas and just as strongly disagree with other choices being made.
I think regulations may be stopping jobs from coming in, such as manufacturing
I think TC is heading in the right direction, and this survey is one of the indicators of that direction.
I think that Brevard is becoming a tourist town, which is great! However, we need to grow as a tourist town. Biking is becoming a big thing in Brevard so we need to add bike lanes, sharing the lanes is fine but not when you have hundreds of bikes on the roads now. We also need to add more restraint options. As far as food goods we have tons of fast food options but not many other options. We need other eating places in the strip between Walmart and Ingles other than fast food. There are places in town but locals can't always afford to eat there.
I think that the County Commissioners need to actively work towards making the Ecusta Trail a reality.
I think that the county has become a mecca for cyclists, which I think is great. Tourism seems to be thriving, and that is terrific for our businesses. Politically, I feel we are on a downhill slide with our largely conservative County Commissioners.
I think that the next generation is beginning to take over and apply some vision that does not look like the past. They younger folks have a better grip on what Transylvania county will realistically become, while the old guard still lives under the delusion that large scale manufacturing will return.
I think that there are too many restrictions for businesses to come into the county. This means less business, a worse economy, and fewer jobs to offer for citizens.
I think that too many people have settled into the idea that we have to be a tourist community. We have skilled labor available in our community if we could attract the industry to put them to work. The tourism industry has certainly helped our economy but we don't really have the roads and other infrastructure to handle all the bicycles that clog our narrow roads, much less the traffic growth in the summer months.
I think that too much effort/emphasis is put on developing tourism rather than on recruiting long-term, sustainable, environmentally conscious businesses that provide better salaries/wages and opportunities for career growth.
I think that we may be missing a real opportunity to grow the strength of the county by thoughtfully considering the Ecusta Trail option. This would relieve a great deal of bicycle traffic in the state and national forests and roadways, and create an attractive recreation option for visitors to the county. I think we also need to consider ways to keep recreation visitors in our county - affordable restaurants (not fast food), places to stay in the county that can be sustained as businesses throughout the non-peak seasons (which a trail like this would actually help to do.) You can ride longer into the season on a trail like this, when trails are too wet and roads may be too wet in combination with traffic.
I think the county has been "on the fence" for many years regarding the type of growth it wants. As a result, the county is lacking in young adult activities/venues, as well as living wage jobs. Cost of living is high, resulting in a dwindling middle class.
I think the county has the best potential in the summer, and over the years has definitely catered to the tourist population during that season. Its economic growth has definitely picked up over the years in that area. People from the larger, treeless cities come to appreciate our wildlife. I feel as this is a healthy part of our county's heritage. However, I feel that this has built a highly seasonal economy that leaves the people who rely on this six to seven month trend to suffer during the off season. I think a balanced development in a more year-round economy would help create a healthier population of citizens.
I think the county needs a lot more jobs.
I think the County needs to take stronger steps towards economic development and jobs
I think the county will grow to fit future needs

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
I think the Ecusta Trail should be approved. Our natural resources are the strength of this county. The trail is a great thing.
I think the progress made with establishing TPED and trying to partner more within local govt is making improvements.
I think there's too much focus on tourists, retirees, and part-time residents instead of full time residents.
I think this county need to focus more on the teens in the community rather than the very young children and the elders.
I think Transylvania is growing in the tourism area but we need some industry to keep our youth here.
I think we are becoming more open to new ideas and a more diverse population--although we still have a considerable way to go.
I think we are definitely going in the right direction - attracting retirees and young people to the area. Focusing on and maintaining our natural assets in Transylvania County is wonderful. We are drawing young people to the town with biking, hiking, breweries, quality of life, etc. Downtown Brevard has really blossomed and is a nice mix of shops and restaurants. I love the fact that family owned stores and restaurants are here. I do not want to see the Walmart's, Targets, etc. show up. I am concerned that the amount of traffic has increased lately though. At some point in the future, we might want to re-route main traffic (26) away from downtown. I would like to preserve downtown's flavor and NOT have the big box stores come in. The current Walmart location is perfect for campers coming out of Pisgah Forest but far enough away from downtown. The Music Center, the College are all great assets. We are close enough to Asheville that people can commute there to work and still maintain the lovely quality of life we have in Brevard.
I think we are making strides to correct the errors of the past, which include a plan to attract small business to our area that provides a livable wage for our residents. However, I chose 'wrong direction' because although we have taken some steps, we still have a long way to go.
I think we headed in the one direction
I think we need more job opportunities. I travel 60 miles a day to work, 5 days a week. If I did not own my home, I would more likely move the first chance I got. There are not a lot of jobs for those with a higher education outside of the medical field and Brevard College.
I think we need to make the most of our natural assets, our beautiful natural environment! The potential for recreational activities here are unmatched by most anywhere in the country. We need to develop these resources to bring in vacationers and for the benefit of those living here. In general I do see advances toward that end, but I'm disturbed by the County Commissioners resistance to the plan for the Ecusta bike trail. This trail would add a whole new dimension to what our county has to offer.
I think we need zoning but not sure this can be accomplished throughout the county due to strong proprietary feeling of rural property owners.
I think we should have more jobs in Transylvania county for our residents. I wasn't here when DuPont and Ecusta were around but those are the kind of jobs we need here.
I think we're heading in the right direction, but sometimes it seems like we're stuck in regards to economic development and job creation. It can be difficult for young families, especially to find affordable housing.
I think we've become politically narrow and provincial.
I think what you are doing now with the 10 year plan is exactly what I want to know. Do we want to be tourist-based, commercial-based, industrial-based or all of the above. I'm not really sure what we are at this point.
I want to retain the forests and the natural habitat. Increasingly rare in this over-exploited world, someday it will be considered valuable. The entire country should be considered a green belt.
I was born and grew up here. There used to be jobs and affordable housing. There are fewer and fewer jobs, housing costs are a joke.
I worked 29 years at Ecusta paper we lost 3 sources of manufacture ring jobs in one year there has been no effort to bring these type jobs back to the county in my opinion our schools an overall way of life has suffered
I worry about how crowded it is getting, but understand that comes with living in such an awesome area.
I worry about our future water supply and about jobs for the young people growing up in this county.
I worry that too many are resistant to change simply because change is scary! We must keep open minds and be willing to make well-considered changes to encourage positive developments in Transylvania county.
I would be more comfortable if more of our county commissioners were more forward thinking in their decision- making process.
I would hate to see downtown change. I like the current mix of businesses. The detour of commercial traffic to Caldwell was a good idea.
I would like to see less chain restaurants
I would like to see more employment opportunities for young people.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
I would like to see more incentives for new businesses and slightly more progressive stance growth and development. We will lose out on great opportunities to counties like Buncombe and Henderson due to their aggressive position of bringing in new companies.
I would like to see more industries come in the county for jobs not just service work
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE INDUSTRY
I would like to see more planned growth that enhances the community, i.e. more/different business than Bo jangles.
I would like to see things happen for the county as a whole not just Brevard city limits. We have a rich heritage here with those like me that were born a raised here, raised our children, grandchildren and now our great grandchild. There are no jobs and speaking for myself, I never stop in Brevard to shop, it's go through it to Kmart, Walmart and beyond. For one thing we can't afford to shop in town and if we did you can't find a parking place. Henderson and Buncombe are rooting us out of existence!
I would love to see more jobs for better pay coming to Transylvania County. Something that would draw the younger generations to come here to live not just to play.
I wouldn't say right or wrong, but I am so concerned for our school system because we do not have what it takes to keep young families here - good, solid jobs with decent pay and benefits.
I'd like to see more enlightened leadership
I'd like to see us moving more aggressively, more creatively in terms of our development. Change is happening - and while it's not always fast in Transylvania - it is happening - and it's positive enhancements, etc.
I'd prefer to see the county cater to locals in need of work, opposed to tourists.
If Sierra Nevada wanted to come to TC, then why were they turned away? This could have been jobs for our local folks and income for our county. Other businesses have been turn away!
If there is a direction, I don't know what that is.
I'm glad you are working on a plan. I just hope that it will be something to draw and keep younger families.
I'm loving the shift of demographic emphasis in the county from largely elderly (retirement), toward the middle again--- attracting youthful tourists, entrepreneurs, families, and the services and amenities they enjoy. I'm an "oldie", doing my best to live young....!!
I'm not sure bigger is always better. I love the emphasis on outdoor recreation, beer, arts, etc., but I fear too much traffic, more retail stores and restaurants than can be supported. I like the small town feel that I've known in Brevard for years, but it seems some are just after growth for growth's sake.
I'm not sure what direction Transylvania County is heading in. I love this area and I think I have seen progress in many areas, but I am upset and puzzled by the lack of support by the County Commissioners for the Ecusta Trail, which would be a huge benefit to our region with no significant downsides. We also have far too much child poverty and I do not see much being done about this, aside from local non-profits and Rotary stepping up to make donations. I also do not think racial equality is where it should be around here, nor are there many jobs that pay a living wage. Further, I continue to hear that there is little to no available affordable housing for the low-paid service workers in our community. Finally, our county animal shelters are considered high-kill and do not do enough to find suitable homes for abandoned pets, nor do they do enough to promote spaying and neutering, likely due to low levels of funding from the County. I do not know what is being done, if anything, about any of these issues, which are all very important and are indicators of the wellness of this community. I feel too many of the people in charge or with power are out of touch with these harsh realities faced by many of our citizens, as it is easy to ignore these problems if you are affluent and do not need to see, experience, or deal with these issues directly in your day to day life.
I'm not sure what direction we're heading in. Is there movement? If we look at population we might be moving in the wrong direction. High quality jobs aren't being created in a meaningful way. School enrollment is down. That said we are doing some nice things, bringing in Oskar Blues, greenways, signage, etc. It looks like we're going in both the right and wrong directions simultaneously.
I'm not sure whether the emphasis is on tourism and retirees or job development.
I'm not sure with what respect you mean 'right' or 'wrong' here.
I'm stuck at work all the time and cannot get out to see what TC is doing, Reading the newspaper gives information about some of the happenings around town, but it cannot cover it all.
I'm unsure how our growth will be controlled.
Immense outdoor potential, right steps are being taken to harness that. Need to improve upon retention of younger population from moving towards Asheville, Greenville, etc.
Importance of environmental issues
In 30 years we have seen no real forward movement or thinking

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
In comparison to other nearby counties (McDowell and Rutherford come immediately to mind), they are declining and we are not.
In general, County is fiscally conservative.
In some aspects we are heading in the right direction but as far as student athletes at all levels (middle school, high school, college) there just isn't enough.
In some ways I think it is moving in the right direction in trying to improve some things but moving in the wrong direction in not improving others.
In some ways the right way but in other ways the wrong way. Seems a lot of young people are forced to leave the county unless they find a service related job
In some ways, forward; in others, stuck.
In the 13 years we have been in Brevard we have seen positive growth with our new animal shelter, new shops and restaurants and more to look forward to.
Inadequate job opportunities
Increased tourism, supportive of local business, great public schools.
increasingly progressive policies; attempts at diversifying the job market; more music and local food
Individuals are working toward bettering education and locating good industries for TC.
Infrastructure is not in place to attract industry specifically sewer/water.
Infrastructure issues are being addressed, we have good schools, and crime is low, attention to protecting the environment that is our mountains.
Instead of bringing jobs and enabling people to become self-sufficient, Transylvania just keeps making more low income housing so there is less incentive to improve one's financial status.
Instead of spending time and money on attracting new industry, it would be better to focus efforts on county's strengths; outdoor recreation, weather, national parks. Just look at the cars visiting here, many have bicycle racks or fly fishing gear. Rails to Trails to Hendersonville are a good idea to be followed up.
Insufficient parking available down Multi story parking facility would be beneficial
Invested in new business, working to improve infrastructure
Issues with Economic Development and the Historic Courthouse. Need to have a wider vision for the future.
It appears to be capitalizing on the abundance of natural beauty and activity-based resources to attract residents and visitors, thereby increasing the number of jobs while minimizing the impact on the environment. As a former manufacturing CEO, I strongly believe that holds the greatest economic and social potential for our county. I recognize that there is a transition for a large segment of our citizenry, but that needs to be an accepted challenge rather than a source of resistance to change.
It could be both depending on what aspect you look at.
It depends on choices made concerning future growth.
It depends on the goals of our county and where we want to go.
It depends on what happens with these surveys.
It depends on what kind of businesses the county intends on attracting in the near future and employment prospects outside of food service for young people.
It does not appear to be moving in any direction.
It feels like the county is in transition from being a blue collar town to a tourist town.
It has not been easy to stay and find work in Transylvania County that can sustain a family budget.
It is a place where you are free from big city influences.
It is becoming increasingly expensive to live in Transylvania County. Income is not keeping up with the increase in property taxes. We are losing young people as they cannot afford living in the county. There is not a variety of job types for all levels of work. I believe that the lack of industry as hurt our community.
It is Delightful now...hope it keeps going' in the same direction!
It is difficult to open a business here, I have heard
It is growing so fast and it's very hard to keep up with safety issues mainly traffic
It is hard for a new business to locate here. Too many rules regulations to go through
It is hard to tell what direction the county is going in when there seems to be so little communication between county commissioners and city council of Brevard

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
It is headed in the "right" direction, but could do a lot more with its extension of utilities; however, that would mean doing some things it hasn't shown a desire to do...zoning, reclassification of river(s), spend money to do it.
It is losing its small town charm with trying to make it look like a city.
It is moving in the direction all big cities go, toward big government and lots of taxes.
It is no longer the small town I love with people moving in & changing the small town feel. People move here to leave the hustle & bustle of their city/town for our small town feel. Then once here they want to make it like back home.
It is recreating itself on the outdoor adventures.
It is too much like a tourist town. Nothing gets done thinking about what the locals need and want. Arty Wilson needs to go.
It is too tourist and elderly oriented. We need more plants, industry and higher paying jobs. Everything is service work. Young adults cannot find jobs paying enough to raise a family. They have to move and this place becomes a retirement home without young adults.
We also need more affordable housing. For working adults. Not just section 8 or very low income individuals. Rent here is outrageous. Working People need options. Entertainment for the youth. Not just the bowling alley. Night life for young people besides bars (that they are too young for) Keeps them out of trouble. More emphasis on the drug problem instead of making it seem like we don't have one. Meth and prescription drugs are a real issue in this country. It is destroying lives and children's childhoods.
It is very difficult for young people to make a living here. It's becoming only retirees and tourists. The biking is out of control blocking roads and destroying forest trails.
It offers educational, cultural and volunteer opportunities. The people have been very warm and welcoming.
It seems a lot of businesses have tried to move here only to meet restrictions and negative response It appears to me industries that try to locate here face a lot of negative vibes and get discouraged, therefore, we are not growing in the right direction!
It seems like a pleasant area when we visit. But we have heard from a former teacher in Rosman that outsiders are not welcomed and not liked.
It seems like the county is trying to advance to a more touristy town when in all honesty, people come here to get away from that. Also our cost of living is still in the wrong place and people are moving away because it cost too much for the jobs that are offered.
It seems like there is a lot of talk about economic development, but it's hard to tell what is actually going on. I know all the organizations for economic development got shuffled around and it was unclear what that actually did as far as moving us toward that goal. It also seems that we've spent a lot of time and energy researching what to do and then spent more time talking to other consultants about things that we already paid the first consultants to research. It appears that we are doing the number one procrastinator tactic: looking busy without actually getting anything done.
It seems like they have finally given up on the idea of the railway and large industry coming back and focusing on more attainable goals like the rails to trails project and outdoor recreation.
It seems that non-natives are taking positions and making decisions based on what is better for tourists than for locals.
It seems that our county is too caught up in trying to recreate the past and not looking to our new opportunities.
It seems that so much of the focus is on Tourism and the local people end up paying more to maintain resources for tourist. Higher taxes, groceries, road maint., etc.
It seems that the county is beginning to realize that the forest, tourism and outdoor recreation are our greatest assets to fuel continuous growth. Manufacturing and plants are largely gone and holding on to an old mindset is only holding back growth. In addition, if a large corporation was looking at this area to set up a plant, Transylvania County doesn't have the tax base to compete with Henderson or Buncombe Counties. They will always be able to offer better access to major interstates and tax incentives.
It seems that the county leaders are not willing to spend the money (and raise taxes) to provide the investment necessary for the County to grow.
It seems that you are definitely find new adventures to replace the businesses we have lost

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
It seems the county is in a period of transition. The public and it leaders are trying to decide what type of direction to take the county in. We have tremendous outdoor resources that can be used for immediate gain, or enjoyed, protected, and utilized in sustainable ways. We're not in national magazines and newspapers because of business development, residential sprawl, or the harvesting of natural resources. We are attractive and will be prosperous because of the spirit and scale of the town and surrounding areas: our mountains - the forests, trails, and waterways. Please plan to use these resources in sustainable and beneficial ways.
It seems to be a dying town. Only the wealthy retirees move here and drive the housing market up. There is nothing for our youth here and no young families can make it here financially.
It seems we make it very difficult to bring in new businesses. We have missed a lot of opportunities.
It's a mixed bag; some aspects are progressing while others seem to be trying to move in reverse.
It's all about tourist and retired people
It's an ongoing challenge to maintain the atmosphere that brings in our primary industry (tourism) and to provide other employment opportunities that are ecologically friendly while providing economic development opportunities for individuals and the community at large.
It's going in the right way, outdoor tourism, what keeps us here!
It's headed in the right directions in some parts but others are definitely headed the wrong way.
Its home- for my family over 200 years.
It's just a generally happy place to live in.
It's not going anywhere
it's time to evolve
I've lived here for 20 years and for me it just keeps getting better and better. Ain't we blessed!
I've lived here since 1970. All great paying jobs are gone. It has become a place however beautiful, that attracts wealthy and sadly no longer attracts families unless those families have money or good jobs elsewhere. We should try to keep our young people here as a priority! This area was built by families...scotch, Irish and English. Locals are family oriented and love their communities built on their rich heritage. It's being lost sadly. People raised here do not want to leave for the most part but feel they must in order to make a good living. Our county should welcome companies that hire educated and uneducated labor forces to bring back a thriving community that can once again sustain itself. Thank you for giving the community a voice!
I've only been here a short time and haven't lived outside of The Oaks. So I haven't seen much of the county, but I want to become involved in county affairs as my progress at The Oaks continues maybe I'll be able to get a handicapped small home or apartment in the community.
I've seen this county for over sixty years, and if you think your growing you need to get a new brand coffee.
Jackson County
Job creation and businesses choosing this area MUST be a top priority so that we can keep a solid tax base and have the younger generations to carry the torch.
Job opportunities are scarce and the cost of living is very high.
Job opportunities that could have been created were all turned away for seasonal tourism attraction. Which only helps Main Street businesses.
Job opportunity for those in workforce
Job sources are lacking and the city outsources rather than employ locally.
jobs are ignored in favor of tourism
Jobs are the lifeblood of every town. We are well focused on replacing the loss of 3 large manufacturing plants with a new emphasis on development of our tourism industry, while at the same time exploring ways and means to attract new light industry. Considering the unmatched beauty of our lands and waters tourism is an obvious choice, but light industry is a must to ensure year round economic security and stability for our citizens.
Jobs need to be created to keep young, local families working and living here.
Jobs!!! Our children won't stay here if there is no work.
Just moved back to the area haven't been reading up on what's going on
just moved here two years ago
Just moved here; don't know.
Just needs a little more growth. Like Hendersonville's downtown with the restaurants and outdoor eating. Just small improvements like that!

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Just started really paying attention, short term things seem good but just don't know enough about the long term plans.
Just the presence of the survey is why. There are others.
Keeping up with current times and changes like the cycling program.
Knew county manager
Lack of "living wage" job opportunities.
Lack of a clear understanding of county's current goals.
Lack of adequate, meaningful economic development
Lack of business development that generate jobs. Too much reliance on tourism
Lack of clear, long term goals and investment
Lack of concern about education.
Lack of development of industrial jobs instead of just tourism and service jobs
Lack of economic development
Lack of employment for the young people in the County so they can stay in the here and not have to move out of the County. Ratio of young people to old is out of balance.
LACK OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT PAY WELL
Lack of good paying jobs
Lack of industry
Lack of industry and jobs that do not center around tourism. I have a 45min commute to work, where I am underemployed.
Lack of industry!
Lack of industry.
lack of interest in the town, nothing to do and sports teams aren't the best
Lack of investment in attracting young families to the area. Heavily focused on retirement tourism.
Lack of job development
Growth in the wrong direction
Lack of job growth
Lack of job opportunities especially manufacturing
lack of jobs
Lack of jobs - County's leaders willingness not to seek new jobs
Lack of jobs and things for the youth to do!
Lack of jobs for example teaching assistants pay/ hours were just cut 32 percent. No industry and no incentives for young people to stay here
lack of jobs for our people opportunities for young people
Lack of jobs for our youth to keep them in the county.
Lack of jobs to support a family.
Lack of quality jobs
lack of real economic opportunity
Lack of Spending for Business Infrastructure
Lack of vision for the future. No investment in important items for the future such as education, public transport, improved utilities.
Lack of vision to initiate infrastructure in order enhance economic development.
Lack of well-paying jobs
Lack of workplaces
lack of zoning
Lack of zoning for buildings falling down and creating a slum like appearance. Lack of jobs. Homes built in hills ruining the beauty for all generations to come.
Laid back small town comfort is great but not much appeal for growth is seen.
large businesses (like Ecusta) are not likely to come to TC due to the distance to the nearest interstate (for truck traffic) and railroads enabling getting supplies in and finished products out, so efforts should be made toward encouraging small businesses - that does not appear to be happening -
Leadership seems to be in a "holding pattern" Holding on to the past, failing to let go, and embrace opportunities.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Leadership seems to be trying to emphasize our unique assets.
Like the small town but not the proposed parking meters which takes away the small town atmosphere.
Little public transit at this time.
Living in Transylvania County and then moving across the county line to Henderson County I have seen so much change through the years. Since DuPont, Ecusta, and Coats America left the county, I have not seen growth and no real efforts to bring good jobs to Transylvania County. All I see is a focus on tourism that has in a lot opinions hurt the county and in other ways helped the county.
Loads of community spirit, everyone I meet from locals to visitors love it here.
Local folks are often overlooked
Local government is not moving forward quickly enough on important infrastructure issues - water, sewer. Too much concern about not raising taxes, not enough focus on what we need for the future.
Local government seems to lack direction of to be brave to set the grand plan, work out how to fund it and then do something. To grow my business I have to this, while trying to live within ones means is a good idea at times you have to invest in making a better future
Locals need to be able to financially stay here and raise families here. Feel like there is a lot to offer for nonlocals but little push for locals to be able to thrive here
lose of career businesses and too much catering to tourists and people who are not from this area
Losing industry.
Lost industry - not focused on education and jobs to keep young people here. Not attracting new businesses.
Lost industry not focused on education and jobs to keep young people here. Not attracting new businesses
lots of activities sports, leisure, educational, music
Lots of local businesses are shutting down and that's bad for the local economy
Lots of Parkland, Game lands, open space. Not too many housing developments and "private communities- Which I detest!
lots of road improvements and city expansion in Brevard
lots of sustainable agriculture happening, more options for young families, creative ways to make a living, high community investment
lots of young people are being left behind
Lots to do here for all ages, very friendly people and good four season weather
Love all the parks
Love of mountain living
Love that the city is looking at playground/pedestrian/recreation issues.
AND I LOVE our festivals!!!!
Love the Arts (visual, theatre, music) & Outdoor Rec (biking, kayaking, camping, and hiking) aspect - that is why we live here over anywhere else in the US!
Love the changes to downtown with more shops, restaurants, and a wonderful farmer's market.
Love the community; raised here; have family here. No plans to ever leave!
Love the independent businesses in downtown. Happy we have Pisgah Forest close by for bigger chains.
low taxes
Maintain a small own feel, while bringing businesses that add convenience and fun to life.
maintains its values
Major drug abuse problem here in the county. Not enough convictions of people caught with drugs. Especially underage and young adults.
Majority of County Commission too conservative. Living in the past and not open to change. No long range plan for keeping up with change.
Making it difficult for large businesses to move here.
Many are working towards a vision and collaborating to make it happen
Many county political figures are "locked" in the past. That Transylvania county will never return. Be progressive, be willing to tax and spend to create the county of the future.
Many mistakes made in proving for good paying manufacturing jobs.
Many persons/groups are working together to problem solve

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Many properties vacant
Mark Burrows should be fired for the lack of economic development in the county. He has taken us in the wrong direction
Mistakes (like French Broad Place) are quickly recognized.
Mixed development. Houses and condos on the same street. High density. Lots are subdivided to close to one another.
Momentum is beginning to build to address some of the hard problems we have that are preventing us from being all that we can be.
Money needs to be put into schools and water and sewer improvements rather than a new courthouse.
More and More businesses are opening with less vacant storefronts.
More attention by Commissioners and City Council to the importance of the outdoors businesses and the arts to the bottom line.
more business
More decent paying permanent jobs are needed such as those lost to DuPont, Coates, and Ecusta.
More affordable housing is needed to allow teachers to live where they teach. Student enrollment is dropping. The birthing unit at Transylvania Hospital is now gone. Population is aging.
More focused on tourist the residents.
More jobs
More jobs
More local food - i.e., the Farmer's Market is a great addition
More outdoors businesses and music venues
More people seem to be moving to Brevard; more restaurants and artists.
More planning for growing tourism. Need more new businesses for job growth.
More responsive to new ideas and accepting of change/improvement
more tax credits should be offered to qualifying businesses to relocate here and more emphasis should be placed on doing environmentally sound practices by those businesses
More young people are in the community
more young people coming to area
Most members of our county commission seem to share my view for the future.
Most people in office have no respect for the natives or their ideas.
Most things are moving in the right direction; however I feel like there are significant barriers toward progress in the development and starting of new businesses besides fast food restaurants.
Moved to Brevard this past year after coming on vacation from Florida
moving in the direction of focusing on outdoor recreation development opportunities , protecting our natural resources, expanding, growing and bringing businesses in our county
muddling about, kicking the can seems to characterize leadership
My business keeps growing. It seems that tourism grows every year and Brevard is becoming more popular as a place to visit and as a place to live.
My husband and I both grew up in Brevard. We wanted to stay but couldn't because there are NO JOBS. Brevard needs to have something going for it other than tourism and think about the people that live here permanently. I have a master's degree, currently working on a PhD, and I should be able to get a job most anywhere but nope not in Brevard. The only jobs here are with tourism, construction, or minimum wage. My husband just has a bachelors and he's making 70k a year elsewhere. If we were here his salary would be cut in half.
My husband and I picked Brevard to retire to in 2001 because it was a great small town that was away from the interstate, not too congested, and didn't focus too much on tourism. I understand that the manufacturing shut down and the we need employment opportunities for young people, but I don't like that there are more and more people coming here as tourists. The traffic has been awful and we can't even take our grandchildren into the forest to enjoy picnicking and playing in the river without being overrun with people.
My impression is that our county commission is too oriented toward bringing back some big industrial plants in order to provide jobs. This is a fantasy, and even if such plants were to locate here, much more work is done by robots these days and the kinds of jobs that will be available are much more technological requiring mastery of computer skills. The days of unskilled manufacturing jobs that employ hundreds are over, yet our board seems determined to put other kinds of development on hold while they are waiting for that magic plant to appear!

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
My observation and experience is that we are doing some things well, but are at a junction that could lead us to become a place we won't enjoy (a merely bedroom community, a community working folks can't afford to live in, a place that does not value what is good for the common good).
My sense is that we are stalemated with little if any planned growth, i.e. truly forward thinking. As a 'newcomer' (settled here in 2002) it seems that long-term residents and a majority of elected County officials are resistant to looking down the road and thinking out of the box. I wholeheartedly support this survey and potential 2025 Comprehensive Plan for the county.
My taxes seem pretty steep for unimproved land
My wife and I moved here twelve years ago to get away from a large metropolitan area with all the amenities. Since we moved here all we hear and read in the paper is how this lovely place needs to grow bigger and bigger. I don't agree at all with that trend of thought. We enjoyed this place and the pace of life much more when we first got here than at the present time. A push for growth will bring with it more and higher taxes, more government, more of all the things we moved here to get away from. Sooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo SAD!!!!
National Forest Maintenance
National publicity.
natural settings
need better housing for public, however agriculture is good
Need good jobs
Need Industry in our County. We lost Ecusta and DuPont and we have NOTHING for our kids to make a LIVING other than service oriented jobs.
Need industry, jobs for workable ages to complement an already touristy area.
need jobs for residents
Need more business' that pay more than min. wage for non-retirees...
Need more businesses..... Industries.....Restaurants.....brand name shops
Need more employment opportunities
Need more focus on Industry/Jobs, Less dependency on Tourists/Retirees!
Need more focus on Jobs, Roads, Housing
Need more for disabled people. Young children with disabilities are a concern
Need more hire paying jobs in the county, working class people must go out of the area to find good jobs?
Need more information.
Need more middle class housing and jobs.
Need more opportunities for younger generation
Need more sit down franchise restaurants?
Need some other larger companies for job opportunities but also like the tourism and small town feeling.
Need to adopt long term planning perspective and implement the following: (1) consolidated economic development; (2) countywide zoning, at least to prevent larger scale undesirable uses; (3) water and sewer service in areas selected for development/redevelopment; (4) cooperative efforts between the county & municipalities; (5) permit liquor sales throughout county; and (6) creation of one or more industrial parks w/ready to build sites.
NEED TO ATTRACK BETTER PAYING JOBS
Need to attract young people-- need jobs for them and affordable housing.
Need to be very careful with the type of businesses growing in the area. Need more energy efficient, environmentally friendly businesses. Keep the beauty of the area intact, no clear cutting trees for housing developments. Don't get overdeveloped and congested. Protection of forested lands and wildlife and waterways. Cut down on littering with stiffer fines.
Need to bring more variety of business without having too many restrictions. Too many potential businesses have gone to neighboring counties because of the difficulty with working within current restrictions.
Need to control growth by concentrating housing developments and single-family housing and preserving open and green spaces.
Need to create high paying meaningful employment job career opportunities and not just listen to the outsiders from Ohio and Chicago.
Need to diversify economic structure by having positive atmosphere for industry and commerce. Better infrastructure.
Need to encourage more industry.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Need to have good jobs closer to home. Don't have to drive so far to work.
Need to make it easier for new businesses to come into the city/county. Right now it is too long of a drawn out process which turns future businesses away.
need to read more on future land plan
Need to see more action in regards to bringing in some industry to provide more employment opportunities
Need to support the schools and early childhood education more. Need higher paying jobs. Like the marketing toward outdoor living.
Need to take care of what we have and not the outsiders
Need to take care of what we have. Get jobs for native residents.
Need to work harder at getting replacement industry
Need more stuff for kids
Needs better telecommunications, e.g., countywide cell service, faster internet. If more people are to retire here or start businesses these are essential.
Needs better telecommunications, e.g., countywide cell service, faster internet. If more people are to retire here or start businesses these are essential.
Needs jobs
Needs more industrial jobs
Needs more pedestrian infrastructure and bike friendly roadways. Embrace tourism and the outdoor industry.
Needs zoning and stable job growth
Needs zoning to avoid poor land use.
New business! (Finally) glad to see new construction.
New businesses encourage more tourists. Therefore, grows financially for unemployed.
New businesses are moving in. Downtown Brevard seems to be taking off with more activity, more retail, more housing.
New businesses becoming more attractive to younger potential residents and visitors.
New businesses in downtown
New Hub and eco villages!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
new leaders, new investors,
new residents
New things but just slow about getting there. It seems the answer is no more than yes
new to the area
New to the area
New to the community and not yet involved in the planning.
NO
No affordable housing Not funding infrastructure. Against women's health choices
No attempt to attract tourists in, for example, Brevard. No attempt (that I know of) to attract business. According to the census, Transylvania County has LOST people in the past 10 years or so.
No businesses are coming here to provide jobs for our people.
No desire to bring in business-manufacturing, etc. The city has made it difficult for Oscar Blues, Ecusta Road clean up, etc.
No direction
NO economic development - other than catering to the retirees and the "nature crowd"
No entertainment or night life for youngsters and teenagers and adults to have fun in town or county. The county leaders & the town leaders are Not from Transylvania county so They don't care about the people who live here all year round 365 days of the year. They only care about tourist and the money from the tourist. The housing is too high paid in rent. Everything is too expensive. We have no industrial plants or factories. We have restaurants and banks. There is nothing to buy or need in main street the locals want. The locals shops at Wal-Mart, Kmart, bi-lo, ingles, sav mor and out of town shopping. Movie Theater needs to be upgraded or updated.
No good jobs for college educated people. No maternity ward at the hospital. We are discouraging young people from living here.
No good jobs for our children
No good paying jobs for young people
No good paying jobs!!!!
No incentives for companies to relocate here.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
No industry
No industry
No industry and too much tourism. The county caters to bicycles and forgets about locals trying to raise families.
No industry nose to sustain us over the long haul
No industry to bring the community back to its feet and the reliance on unsustainable economy.
no industry to keep young adults or bring young adults in, no competition for wages so wages are low and the taxes and utilities continue to rise without regard to the wage base, too much emphasis on lower paying jobs
No industry. No industry. No industry.
No industry. Only service jobs available for the most part
No industry. Too dependent on tourism.
no industry/jobs for young families
No infrastructure, (County Sewer and Water), to support new business's such as small to medium size manufactures.
No job growth
no job growth including recruitment of industry, too much focus on tourism
No jobs
No jobs
No Jobs
No jobs
No jobs and nothing for younger generations to do.
No jobs for local people. More things are happening for tourist than for the local people. A lot of entertainment driven activities for bike riders and activities up town. Than focusing on local people tourist stay for a short period of time and effects businesses not enough business.
No jobs for long term employees, just restaurants for high schoolers and people just trying to make do. When Ecusta shutdown, the county went with it.
No jobs for the skilled person. No middle class.
No jobs for unemployed and underemployed. homeless and children of so mentioned need more help and attention
No jobs for upcoming kids unless they move out of county
No jobs for young people coming out of college. No desire to make the education system better. Putting people in administrative jobs that don't need to be there.
no jobs or new business
No jobs younger people leave area to find a job
No jobs.
No jobs. South Carolina just got another plant. Why not Transylvania????????????????????
No large businesses/plants to bring in more jobs.
No major industry
No manufacturing jobs and no place to really dine out at
No more big buildings. Keep the small town feel.
No more industry and very few jobs to no jobs that can support a family. We have become too dependent on the rich providing work and that cannot be counted on.
No one seems to know what is going on or what to do about it!
no progressive ideas being brought forth by the county council and not enough by the city
no push for new job growth, i.e.; industries, attracting companies to area
no real leadership here
No real serious problems
No realistic planning for the future.
No stable jobs unless you want to work retail, grocery store or restaurant.
No transportation for medical reasons to other counties
No work for younger age or middle age.
Noise and animal ordinances totally out of step with today's standards all around the country.
Not a good balance between higher income retirees and low income jobs. Not many good jobs for young adults
Not a sustainable future for the full time residents. No hope for graduating students.



Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Not as informed by leaders as well as I think I should be on future planning
not assertive enough for clean water
Not attracting any industry or improving roads between Brevard and mills river.
Not attracting business.
not aware of City goals
Not bringing any industry or jobs, cutting teacher and teacher assistant jobs and hours
Not city outreach
Not clear to me that we have a real direction. There is much talk but there is unwillingness by citizens and political leadership to make the real investments required to advance in any direction decisively.
Not doing enough to bring in businesses and young families.
Not enough businesses are being attracted/brought in/approved for this county. People need jobs - real jobs. Moreover, the locals who seem to control hiring everywhere discriminate against anyone who didn't grow up here. It is time to outgrow the clan mentality.
Not enough emphasis on creating real industrial jobs.
Not enough good paying jobs
Not enough good paying jobs to be attractive to our young people to come back to live and work after college!!!!
Not enough good paying jobs to keep young local people in the county.
Not enough growth, native families having to move away to make a living and survive.
Not enough housing or employment for residents go survive
Not enough industry - or things being done to attract industry
-not enough industry to support local employment for the residents of this county -priority in county is placed on the wants and needs of tourists and part time residents -young people who wish to stay in the county are having to seek employment and economic stability other places
not enough information
not enough information
Not enough infrastructure to attract large businesses.
Not enough is done to bring in industrial jobs. too much is done for tourism
Not enough job opportunities that offer County, or State benefits, or retirement plans. We need more industrial jobs that will keep local families here.
Not enough jobs
Not enough jobs for the locals. And those on the board doesn't seem to want it to grow.
Not enough jobs or places for younger children to do.
Not enough joint planning between county and the city and Rosman. remembering that city residents are also county residents
Not enough money for schools.
Not enough professional/high-paying jobs in Transylvania County. Have to work out of the county to make a decent living.
Not enough support for education
Not familiar with short, medium and long term plans
Not fully aware of direction.
Not going anywhere. Standing still.
not industry friendly
Not investing in what it takes to move us forward
Not keeping up with current economic times for best type of changes, including infrastructure upgrades (internet too) to attract employers that would be suited for this county.
Not many job opportunities here for our kids to want to stay here and make their families. They will more than likely move away from here where more opportunity is...no one for some reason wants business to come here..that needs to change.
Not many jobs, County cares more about bike riders than you do native residents
Not much direction at all. Not enough jobs that give a decent wage to raise a family on. College grads don't move back to Brevard due to lack of jobs. The housing is very unaffordable for middle to lower class families.
Not much emphasis on infrastructure repair.
Not much here to keep young families or children leaving their parents.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Not much work to support families. Seems to cater to retirees and tourists more than people who need to make a living here.
Not Progressing
Not progressive enough, need to be more open to new ideas
Not providing adequate education for students.
Not realistic in evaluation of future.
Not seeing anything major that is wrong
Not sure
Not sure County Commissioners have a realistic understanding of what would be best for Transylvania County.
Not sure it is headed in any direction. Hasn't changed much in 10 years.
Not sure of all directions we are headed.
Not sure of some of our elected officials
Not sure that I know enough to answer well
Not sure there is a clear vision of the current state of Trans County, making an optimal future state difficult to envision. What are our current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats? According to whom? What is our "brand"? What is unique, or close to unique? Can we become too balanced, healthy outdoor living what Napa Valley has become to wine?
Not sure we are offering local families the types of employment and sense of community we enjoyed growing up. You are kind of out of luck if you're not in the the tourism, healthcare, or construction business.
Not sure what direction we are headed in. Have heard concerns about the education system but don't know what is being done to correct it. Concerned about the rumors we are hearing about Glen Cannon property.
Not sure what the direction is for the county. Who does the county want to be?? What do we want to be known for??
Not sure what the goals for T-County are at the moment
Not sure what Transylvania county has planned... We hear lots of things but never clear plans to move forward with growth and development. I feel many people making decisions in our county have ulterior motives because they own a small business and don't want to bring in more which can take away from their business. I have heard from many people that Transylvania county is one of the most difficult counties to allow a new business to come into...
Not trying to attract industry, but playing to county strengths, i.e., climate, sights, music center
not working in infrastructure enough, to attract small manufacturing
Nothing happens in Western Transylvania County
Nothing to do for children and young teens. So they will not be getting into trouble at such young ages!
Nothing to keep our young people/ children here. Can't afford to stay
Nothing to keep the younger generations interested in staying here.
Nothing to offer kids, now, or in the future. Too much promotion of "alcohol."
numerous individuals/county officials expending time and energy to maintain a functional society
Obvious development in bike path!
Officials are stuck in a time warp....waiting for the trains to return and industry supported by locals with non-technical skills. Tourism and outdoor recreation activities is our industry. The Ecusta Trail is an outstanding opportunity to grow the county. The County Commissioners need to wake up and stop their pipe dream of industrial growth. Abington, VA., Dunedin, Fla., and our neighbor Travelers Rest, SC has all experienced growth and development without the illusions of private property invasion.
On the surface, there seems to be a commitment between the county, cities and surrounding areas to work together.
On the upswing
One thing that concerns me is how unfriendly the county is to businesses. Both from what my wife and I have experienced and the consistent message I hear from others, the county and city of Brevard seem to go to great lengths to make things as difficult as possible. Both organizations should bend over backwards to help businesses and, every now and then, say thank you to the people who are providing jobs and generating tax revenue.
Only been here a year, but I love what I see so far; just haven't seen a lot of change to determine whether it's right or wrong in my opinion...
Only been in the county a year and a half
ONLY HAVE LIVED HERE 2 YEARS AND MOSTLY ON WEEKENDS. BUT I DO LOVE THE AREA. THAT'S WHY WE PURCHASED A HOME HERE.
Other than restaurants I am not noticing much development of available land to provide job growth.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Our average age in the county reflects the fact that too much focus is on retirees and not enough on the youth and young families. Instead of tourism and retirees, the county needs to focus on non-service industry jobs and promoting a family friendly county: to live, work, and raise a family. We are not just a nice place to visit or move to for the twilight of your life.
Our Commissioners need to use part of the county fund balance for water, sewer, and industrial infrastructure. Additionally, they need to ensure our schools are well funded. Please recall that year round jobs with benefits are the best social program anyone can have, and quit catering to seasonal, service level job providers that come and go out of business and have little long term commitment to the community. Additionally, remember all corners of the county, not just Brevard and east.
Our county and city officials are placing too much emphasis on tourism and not enough on bringing "living wage" jobs to the area. Too much talk but no action to attract a new business or industry to the area.
Our County Commissioners have set us back 100 years! We need to get in the 21st Century!!
Our county only supports the tourists and their way of living. If our county is so special and they come to get away from their life, then why bring their ways and demand we live as they do! Never understand this.
Breweries in our county... you must be kidding! We need industry for families. NOT BEER!!! Yes, you keep bowing to the outsiders!!! Not a way to go!
Our family loves the emphases Transylvania County places "small town" (festivals, concerts...) and outdoors (highlighting the areas natural resources for biking, hiking, waterfalls...), but the county does need to focus on bringing more employment opportunities for young families.
Our focus seems to be on outsiders instead of maintaining jobs that can support our local residents.
Our leaders seem interested in capitalizing on our environment, natural resources for outdoor activities and tourism, not heavy industry which would potentially pollute our air, streams and rivers.
our leaders strike a good balance between growth and protecting our public lands
Our town has that great "at home" feel that you get even if you don't live here. We have many natural attractions and amazing things to do.
Outdoor rec
Over development is stressing resources and creating congestion. County is not protecting resources or planning for a sustainable growth pattern.
Overall feel of the community. We look forward to exploring every day!
Overpopulated
overpopulation = no water
Parks
Identifying with tourism industry
Pattern of commissioners hiring advisors or requesting opinions from groups assigned to study future areas of growth potential, then not following their recommendations.
People are losing jobs or hours are cut back it's hard for people that have lived here all their lives to afford to live here
People are trying hard to improve our County.
people are working on making things better
People say they want progress but oppose anything near where they live.
People that aren't native to Brevard move here and want to "fix and change things"; it needs to stay the same with the exception of jobs.
period of transition into tourism based county
planning dept. seems to really be working hard to strategically improve our city
Planning for future and getting input from all citizens
planning for the future
Planning for the future is taking place.
Plans are under way to improve infrastructure, to attract new business so that the economy will grow without destroying the natural beauty of this area.
Playing up our natural beauty, enhancing tourism and bringing in industry through that.
Plenty of fun things to do and lots of active residents. I love everything about Brevard!
Poor local government run by those who are geared toward attracting tourism related industries and nothing else.
Poor support for education in the county--

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Not enough thoughts about increasing jobs for the county
Population is becoming diverse and is reflective of the makeup of the general population.
Positive energy and solutions are evident in conversations around the county
Presently live too far from the city of Brevard
Preservation of natural beauty.
Previous (current?) serious consideration of highly questionable bio-waste plant in the name of "creating jobs" made me nervous. I wonder if the powers that be really get the big picture. Concerned that a conviction exists that Transylvania must attract industry, potentially even polluting and environment threatening industry, at all costs for the sake of a few jobs. This fabulous and highly respected natural area can attract the silicon valley type of industry that relies on the brain power of a few who can generate the income for the area to provide ancillary opportunities for many. The 2005 plan acknowledges the great need for accessible broadband to allow such industry to flourish here. But the review of the progress since 2005 is revealing. A word search on "internet" shows no mention in the document, and "broadband" is mentioned only twice, and in the same paragraph, mentioning that Citcom had explained the state of their technology. It is 10 years later, Citcom is gone, Comporium is here, and we have not heard much more about enhancing the broadband availability.
Pro-business efforts to lure companies.
Progress in developing tourism, bicycling.
Progress seems to be slow. If we are moving in the right direction (jobs, etc.) we need to move a bit faster.
Progress seems to be taking place with due attention to maintenance of our unique, small town image...including honoring the environment
progressive
Progressive, family-oriented, outdoors
Promoting natural environment for lifestyle choice, bike paths, culture and arts, great downtown, small businesses
Property appraise at 150%-200% of market value
Quality of life
Quality of life (including employment, opportunities, culture and leisure) is improving.
Question is too broad.
Questionable expenditures such as automated traffic lights with horrifically bad operational algorithms and a focus on tax base expansion, which NEVER results in lower taxes for the populace; quite the opposite. In the long run, the cost of an increased infrastructure far exceeds the increased tax revenue generated.
Quiet
Rather than hoping for large manufacturing industry to locate here, focus of growth should be tourism making it imperative to protect our beautiful, clean surroundings.
Real estate opportunities are being squandered, residential as well as industrial.
Realize we need some growth, but don't want to lose our small town feel
Really, really need jobs for young families; this affects the entire community; families have to move away to find work; impacts schools, population, etc.
Recent economic growth is aimed at creating an entertainment-brewery culture as opposed to attracting and encouraging middle class jobs with light manufacturing and/or technology based development. Our goal should not to try and be a mini Asheville.
Recent focus has been on encouraging more of an "entertainment-brewery-bar" type development rather than attracting viable small to mid-size light manufacturing and/or technology based companies and/or startup businesses. We do not need to try to become a "mini Asheville."
Recent growth and industries moving in
Recently moved to Brevard. I don't yet know enough about Transylvania. However, Planning with input from the residents is an excellent way to proceed.
Recently relocated here.
Recently returned to Transylvania County after a long absence. I tend to believe it is headed in wrong way in several aspects, but in right way in others.
Receptive to future expansion of greenways and bike routes.
recognizing tourism is our near term future
recreation seems to be growing as a part of our economy

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Recruitment of solid well-paying manufacturing and industry jobs is being ignored in favor of attracting tourists and retirees who have no ties to the community.
Reluctance of the Commissioners to take progressive positions such as converting the long dormant rail corridor into a rail-trail which would provide health benefits, provide alternative travel alternatives and would be an economic bonanza.
Responsible growth embracing the natural surroundings, musical culture and family atmosphere.
Responsible level of spending
retiree oriented actions
Retirement homes and tourism won't sustain the county forever. With the cost of living going up the people that enjoy coming here will begin to struggle to afford coming here.
Right direction because of this long range plan process; also because of new county manager. Not sure because of emphasis by some on no new taxes. I see taxes as the community way to build our community into a healthy place to be. The constant harping on negativity of taxes is a bad way to build a good community. Businesses that pay a living wage should be encouraged. Transylvania should not accept being a bed room community. Schools should be supported.
right direction for recreation, wrong for education
Right direction, but slow; better in city than county, to recognize changes occurring that demand long-term planning and investing.
In regard to question #8, a BIT "too little growth"
Right Direction: small business growth
Wrong Direction: public education is weak
Right if something actually comes out of all this planning and the natives that resist change.
Right now I like what is happening downtown, but I worry about the lack of zoning in the county that is allowing some really unattractive changes along 280 and Greenville Highway.
Roundabout, share the road? What a joke!! Get bikes off the road.
running away business
Running off businesses and tourist that are trying to come to the area.
Scenic Location and lifestyle
School performance is down and there is no industry to bring middle class people here. There are extremes in this county- very wealthy or very poor. There needs to be something here to provide good jobs that are in the middle.
Seeing more progress in sustaining the environment which is our largest asset.
Seeing new people making huge investments in Brevard especially, leads me to believe many others
would like to share our lifestyle.
Seem focused on tourism. Need to diversify industries
Seem to be turning away businesses that could help us.
Seems adaptable to anticipated needs. County services are good.
Seems all eggs are placed in 'tourist basket'....we need manufacturing and affordable smaller houses.
Seems like county officials are only interested in tourism and not industry that provides jobs for the kids wanting to return to Transylvania County...
Seems like the county officials are only interested in tourism and not in industry so that kids who graduate from BHS/RHS can come back and get a decent job.
Seems like the same issues keep being discussed & not much observable progress is happening.
Seems like we are at times, but then I hear about business that are "not welcome" and the continued lack of support for education at the county level is disappointing.
Seems like we are focusing on tourism as our main revenue stream of the future. We need employers to bring manufacturing and businesses here that pay a living wage! Fast food and service oriented jobs are not helping our economy grow.
Seems like we are missing multiple opportunities for growth due to lack of will to raise taxes.
Seems that the only jobs are service oriented which does not provide a living wage.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Seems to be bringing in new jobs
Seems to be moving in a progressive manner. Need to embrace the Ecusta Trail and other opportunities for recreation and ecotourism. Our future lies in diversification of businesses and as a recreational destination.
Seems to be trying to become like Asheville.
Seems to me we're thriving.
Service industry / tourism industry cannot support a family.
Several opportunities have been passed up.
should have supported the waste to energy project
Should not be tourist based focus...need industry growth. Need jobs.
Should take care of our own county people. Forget the tourist & bike riders as well as the runners. They are dangerous.
Slow economic growth
Slowly but surely some people are finally realizing industry is not coming back! And if it did it would not be the kind that we would want. We need to market our tourism. We do also need to find a way for our children to comeback and have well-paying jobs.
Slowly coming to realize that major industry is not a possibility, and that we must use our unique advantages to attract small industries and "work-over-the-net businesses.
Slowly the population is beginning to see the counties assets as more than a plant, that our natural resources, parks etc. are what attracts people to the area.
Slowly, but surely we are seeing the value in eco and adventure tourism. We have a vibrant art and music scene for a small town. We need to invest more in our schools and our County Parks and Recreation in order to offer younger families, not just retirees, a viable place to move to and live permanently, not just a good place to visit.
Slowly, people are starting to understand that we must let go of the 'old economy'.
Small business growth.
Small town
small town atmosphere
Small town.
Soliciting community input is good!
some bad some good
Some good things are happening like a small amount of growth in the outdoor activity businesses, art, and micro-breweries but it's at a snail's pace. It seems that the old timers want to see the county go back to the way it was when manufacturing was here but we no longer have the workers nor do modern manufacturers employ large amounts of people. More effort could be placed on helping grow the industries that seem to making some headway.
Some government departments have lost sight of helping the citizens as customer service people at, say, Lowes want to be helpful. Even though the per capita income has taken a hit during the last recession, there was no cut in county employee pay and, for the most part it rose. That is wrong. The tax or fees continue to rise annually. Poor service in planning and permits, too much micro-management and too much government overreach. Too little growth because the department and UDO and lack of common sense flexibility makes it very difficult to start a business unless you have big budgets. That is set up to be very limiting for growth.
some growth in jobs and housing but more needed
Some new residential and commercial construction
Some of our county commissioners are looking backward not forward. Also I have found many people unreceptive to 'outsiders'.
Some of the decisions I think are good for this county and some I question.
Some of the leaders are giving more realistic thought to planning for the future of the county.
Some of the new businesses like Oskar Blues that bring in younger folks are great. Also the growing emphasis on outdoors activities like hiking, biking, etc. are all good for locals and visitors alike. The growing and changing of the Brevard Music Center is terrific.
Some people think we should be a tourist attraction.
Some things are going in the right direction and other things aren't
Some things are going in the right direction, some in the wrong. We are pushing to have a tourist town while pushing aside those that are a great asset, our natives. It seems that everyone coming in to the county wants it to be like where they came from instead of appreciating the things that brought them here in the first place, like the small town atmosphere.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Some things seem to be improving but not others
Some things that are being considered seem too overwhelming for this town. We don't need another Hendersonville or Asheville, either, for that matter. The small town feel will be lost if plans go forward to turn Broad St. into a Blvd. with trees in the center, and please don't take away parking to allow the bump-outs to widen the sidewalks.
Some things the county does and has planned me agree with others I do not.
Sometimes decisions just don't make sense to me. We want growth and to bring in business, but we make it so hard for legitimately interested parties to settle and start their businesses. Past case in point... Lowes. The motel or hotel that was trying to work out compromises to build near Tractor Supply, etc...
Sometimes I feel people are trying to change the face of Brevard to be something it is not and will ultimately lower the quality of life here and destroy the relaxed feeling and current pride in our small town. We need to focus on the environment and how we can maintain it and use that to be our future.
Spending lots of money to chase and bribe manufacturers to come here seems counterproductive. This is just what everyone else is doing. I would rather see us build on and enhance the quality of life here so that people and small businesses can hardly wait to come here. If we have a fantastic quality of life including recreation, education, culture, and a vibrant small town atmosphere, people will be drawn. An "if we build it they will come" versus "if we bribe them they will come" approach.
Stable, sensible government
Stagnation
Staying the same with current businesses when we have enough of one or two types of restaurants and not growing with something new.
Steady Growth
Still getting to know the area
Still looking to attract manufacturing jobs like Ecusta or DuPont which no longer exist. Also county lacks skilled and educated labor force which more advanced manufacturing companies would need. Most important asset is county's natural beauty which attracts retirees and tourists.
Still no jobs and no hopes for any in the near future... How many DECADES has this been an issue in Transylvania County? More than 30years that I personally know of!
Still not seeing jobs and continue to see poor managing of county funds
Still researching
Stronger Community
Student population is steadily decreasing which tells me young families with children are leaving. We need manufacturing JOBS. Increase in population is evidently retirees.
Supports outdoor activities
Take more than Bicycles and Beer and tourist attractions.....to make a home for Children to go up in...Need jobs that support family life...making enough to buy a home, car, food, clothes, electric and heat
Taxes are rapidly increase....why....cannot see why expenses would require high taxes
TC is grappling with solving serious problems rather than ignoring them
TC is losing their youth and businesses are not growing like they should.
TC needs to attract more viable businesses, but has the reputation of being "unfriendly" to outside businesses. The city and county commissioners need to change their attitudes toward creating jobs for TC residents.
The growth has been great, but it is not holistic, several parts of the community and society are not growing.
The "Best interest" of The county Is being geared toward people who don't even live here.
The "tourism" industry, along with the "brewery and bicycles" plan, does not provide enough jobs and potential for growth for Transylvania County. No doubt it is beneficial to the few, but not to the majority.
The addition of cell towers is a great step in the right direction!
The amount of catering that does to tourism and how little the county cares about your everyday people
The appropriate level of focus is being given to the recreational opportunities and general high quality of life in the area, as evidenced by all of the external accolades the county has received over the past couple of years.
The area is pristine, low crime rate and the people are wonderful.
The area seems to cater more to tourists than to locals, which can be frustrating.
The Arts Council is a leader in welcoming new residents when they move to enjoy art galleries, music center, and recent FILMS being shot in the county.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
The attention has been completely removed from the middle class young generation. There is nothing drawing young families to move here.
The basics aren't being tended to. City and county streets and roads are being neglected and taxpayer \$\$ spent on unnecessary projects.
The Board of Commissioners are REACTIVE not PROACTIVE. There is no active trying to achieve goals. They may react to things after they occur. They, and us, must be self-motivated, doing what is needed instead of waiting around for something to happen.
The Brevard library, which has Internet access even for visitors
The breweries and low paying jobs.
the business and events that we have today are better than we had 10 and 20 years ago
The City and the County always seem to be at odds. Word out there is the City is perceived as the "dept. of 'No'". This is the perception and there is much talk about it. If we're going to be a cool city, we need to deliver. We can't play favorites or be inconsistent. And, we can't act like the good old boys (and gals). "Well, we always done it this way." AND, the question below will haunt us all because you have to define "growth" or at least give some parameters.
The city invests in the farmers market.
The city's plan for expansion. I like it.
The community is heading towards a retirement community with little opportunities for young professionals.
The community is vibrant and has continued to grow year after year, even during challenging economic times.
The constant catering to tourism and the lack of flexibility and long term planning at the city and county level have limited our opportunities to attract business partners to this area. Our youth are being neglected (lack of funding for education, a woefully inadequate and hostile parks and recreation department, and a poor job outlook for young educated professionals) in order to keep things "attractive" to visitors and retirees.
The continued efforts toward establishing our county as a community where people want to live
The cost of living for local people who have been here all their lives is outrageous, and Transylvania county puts more emphasis on bringing in retirees then it does bringing in jobs and opportunity for those who live here already.
the County and City seem divided on issues
The county board seems stuck in the distant past.
The county caters too much to the money-makers and outsiders (tourists and such) to the exclusion of county residents who came here for the peace, quiet and natural beauty.
The County Commission has not bought into marketing our natural surroundings. They need to get on board with the bicycle path and flush the pipe dream of bringing in a heavy industry that will need a railroad.
The county commission is not positively responsive to encouraging a wide range of new businesses. It has not adequately addressed the needs of the school system, low income jobs, the homeless.
The County Commissioners are doing too little to attract businesses and non-polluting industries to the county.
The county commissioners frighten me with their use of Christianity as a weapon against those who don't look like them.
The county commissioners have not supported the Ecusta Rails-to-Trails project. Like mountain biking, road biking enjoys enthusiastic support, and many visitors, i.e. tourists, come looking for safe roads to ride here. I work at The Hub and am regularly approached by visitors seeking road biking routes. Seeing what economic development has been created by the Swamp Rabbit Trail, Transylvania should "get on board."
The county continues to grow but with very little stable employment for families other than retirees
The county could afford very slightly higher taxes to improve infrastructure.
The county doesn't focus on anything but Brevard.
The county has a tremendous potential to grow through the promotion of its innumerable outdoor opportunities (cycling both road and mountain, hiking, fishing, camping, backpacking, etc.) coupled with the cultural opportunities brought through the music center and college. The community seems to be really beginning to embrace these opportunities, which is exciting for a young person like me.
The County has a wonderful Sheriff's department, is forward looking in capitalizing on the tourism market in the area while maintaining its Christian oriented family values.
The county has attracted some new businesses that support our lifestyle and will hopefully add to the tax base without destroying our natural beauty.
The county is finally beginning to address some proactive planning issues. The funding of the Transylvania Partnership for Economic Development is a step in the right direction. It feels like progress on the planning front is slow but moving in the right direction.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
The county is headed into the wrong direction focusing on the beer, bicycle trend. Not trying to grow industries that actually provide jobs and benefits and actually making a decent wage. Let's not make this as much as a tourist trap as a real place with real jobs
The county is not investing in the education of the children, and there is no jobs to speak of in the county. That is the reason I work in Buncombe.
The county is not investing in the sort of improvements (infrastructure, building renovation, etc.) needed to attract new businesses. Many long-term residents cannot find jobs that pay a living wage.
The county is outsourcing jobs for young people. They have to leave Trans. Co. to get jobs. There is too much attention on tourism and not enough on our school age children. We are not meeting their needs for the future.
The county is planning its moves by carefully studying its plans for the future.
The County is taking advantage of its natural beauty and pace of life to attract people (as residents and tourists) who appreciate these things.
The county lacks proper accommodations to support its tourism industry and proper infrastructure to support additional industrial growth.
The County leaders seem very stuck in old ideas of economic success (large manufacturing companies), which has caused stagnation in the county. Our most promising young people all seem to leave the county for better opportunities outside the county.
The county needs bike lanes, more jobs, and more growth in general.
The county needs to allow bigger companies (not a huge factory that would destroy the beauty of the place) but not be so "strict" on who comes in... We need to attract less elderly/retired and more family/young generations. This would help make for a well-rounded variety of community. Most kids cannot wait to get out of Brevard... because there isn't much for the young adult age group. This community appeals to the retired rich and outdoorsy "go green" folks. The shopping and restaurant choices are slim. There are plenty of rundown buildings along the business hwy 280 that could be redone and allowed for a more franchised business to come in. Letting good quality companies with good ambitions in does not ruin our small town environment. This would help attract more students to the college, more jobs, more families... The school system needs to be more open to quality and not friendships or specific focuses. (Ex: hiring/firing a person based off of who they know, related to, want to make an opening somewhere else, politics.. it should be about rewarding people who have invested and showed their commitment. Continually changing staff in the school system will never build a good program... new people must be given a chance to actually make a change and changes do not happen in 1-2 years.
The County needs to entice more businesses in our area to generate more job opportunities (i.e. manufacturing plants)
The county needs to look at much-needed changes in old laws: humane: keeping dogs on chains, leash laws; better regulations for small farms in neighborhoods to prevent offensive smells; target shooting in neighborhoods; in other words laws should be changed to improve the quality of life for those living in the county, especially rural areas.
The county needs to spend a little to make a little. You can't put a price tag on some things--like education.
The county officials cater to the visitors and seems to care nothing for the natives here. It was such a cute small town but now it seems like it keeps growing and looking more like Pigeon Forge. Nothing charming any longer
The county seems more concerned with collecting taxes on property whose actual value is much lower than the assessed value than assessing properties fairly.
The county seems to be catering to beer and bicycles and pushing away industries for the working man/woman.
The county seems to be catering to the tourist instead of the local man
The county seems to be increasingly hostile to businesses other than those geared toward retirees and tourists. You'll dismiss this observation as untrue, of course, which is a major part of the problem. Until the commissioners and the county offices recognize and admit to the problem, it will persist.
The county seems to be stuck because most of its elected officials do very little to move us forward as a county.
The County seems unable or unwilling to spend the money needed to improve the county.
The craft brew industry and development of bicycle tourism is helping reshape economic growth
the effort to plan well for the future
The elected and appointed leaders are asking the right questions.
The emerging collaboration of stake holders in city and county.
The emphasis on small businesses
The expansion of parks and bike lanes is very positive for residents and tourists.
The focus is all on retirees and not the working people. We need jobs that provide living wages, not minimum wage.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
the focus on community and quality of life
The folks elected to state & federal office are NOT representative of moderate stances...they seem to be more polarizing than inclusive
The greenway has been a new source of fun and exercise for our family. I love the new businesses coming to town- breweries, restaurants, bike farm, i.e. stuff for active people.
The group formed to pursue economic development.
the growth keeps the character of Brevard
The increase in tourism is good for the economy here, but it comes with downsides (impact on infrastructure, noise, foot and auto traffic, etc.)
THE LOSS OF COMPANIES INTERESTED IN COMING HERE.
The majority of our Commissioners are blocking progress by balking at even thinking seriously about, and debating publicly, possible changes that might well allow Transylvania to attract businesses and people other than upscale shops, restaurants, and affluent retirees.
The natural beauty of the county is being showcased.
The ONLY business Mark Burrows and Josh Freeman want in Transylvania County are 'Sports Related'! The citizens of T.C. want and NEED living wage jobs! They can slap themselves on the back all day about 'all the industry' they've brought into our county, but don't Dare say anything about all the fish they've let get away!! (Discouraged or Turned Away!) Most people couldn't care less about the ridiculous building & signage requirements (i.e. Sidewalk look & location, etc.) It clearly discourages new business from coming to Brevard. I can't count the number of times I've heard business owners who chose to locate their operations Hendersonville or Arden/Skyland/Fletcher because of Brevard's policies, regulations & restrictions! Costs are about the same, but politics plays a HUGE role in the Economic Growth Office and Planning Dept.!! I and many other Transylvanians find this unsatisfactory.
The opening of Bracken Mountain Preserve as a gateway from town to the National Forest, the bike path to the forest, and the increase of cyclist in the area.
The outdoor appeal of our entire area is being embraced more fully than before, and the community in general has been very welcoming to all of the recent attention to our town.
The people who live here are just one of the reasons it is such a beautiful place to call home.
the peoples' sense of community and cooperation of citizens
The plans do not encourage better roads (4 lane roads where appropriate) or ways to provide for manufacturing jobs or other forms of good paying jobs. The infrastructure has been ignored for many years & it seems that all people want is for bike & walking paths. That doesn't provide long term, good paying jobs.
The plants will not be back. Time to look forward
The policies of the Transylvania County commissioners seem very short-sighted and benefit only a few of the people.
The political powers that be are slowly realizing the economic benefit of our natural resources and outdoor recreation. While it alone cannot sustain our community, the idea that tourism only beneficial to a small number of business owners is simply not true. So, the direction of Transylvania County seems be headed in the right direction...focusing on attracting appropriate small manufacturing/industry and tourism.
The poverty level is high which indicates that our county needs to do things differently to help those who want to get out of poverty.
The present planning process gives me confidence that we will, together, discover "the right direction"
The property taxes have increased to such an extent that people on fixed income can no longer afford to live here. We will be moving as soon as we can sell our house.
The quality of life has gone down due to the plant closings of last decade. The schools have gone down. The transition to beer and bikes is fine but you still can't deny that the loss of real jobs has hurt the county a lot.
the quality of life has improved while I have lived here and I see no stopping this
the question is to unspecific
The question isn't very specific and I feel as if Transylvania county is getting somethings right and somethings are struggling a little. I am also not completely aware of the economics of the county as a whole.
The reason I chose "the right direction" is as a result of the County putting a moratorium on the building of the waste plant proposed for Penrose to give more time to study the impact of proposed industry on Transylvania County and then to give serious consideration to what the people of Transylvania County find valuable in this County and how to protect those features while thinking about growth for the future. I assume this Survey is a direct result of the fight over the proposed Penrose Plant.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
The recent creation and expansion of the bike path.
The residents value the natural resources of The county- the forest, the flora, the fauna.
The right directions because now our county is trying to produce jobs with new businesses such as Bo jangles.
The right type of jobs are not being brought in
The school system promotes Christian ideals and supports kids joining the military. I witness this at public meetings, at graduation, and everywhere. The county spends more on law enforcement than it does education. Crumbling buildings that do not meet code prevent young people from opening businesses in the community, yet the red carpet is rolled out for places like Walmart and Lowes to come in and shut down our locally owned business.
These principles, combined with a declining student population, will continue to result in stagnation of young people moving to the county. The old ways and attachments to wasti
The seeming inability to snag a new large place of employer, or multiple small to medium places of employment to the County is bothersome. Without better jobs, I'm not so sure that our direction is a good one or not.
The support of growing for a biking, recreation and green community is not clear from the City and County Commissioners.
the tax load continues to increase and it does not appear that much effort is going into cost reduction
The taxes are too high. Houses appraisals are ridiculously low.
The town is catering more to the older population which is good but people like me, who are going to college, are not going to come back. The hospital lost its maternity ward which forces women to go further away to have their children. There are few jobs and no opportunities for bigger companies to expand in this county. How are young people going to be able to work here? The roads are terrible and need to be fixed. This also leads me to say that we have a growing issues with bicyclers. They ride on curvy, dangerous roads which is not acceptable. There needs to be something done about this whether bike lanes are put in other places of town or they should be warned not to ride on these roads.
The town is for the retirees and tourist. There is nothing for the younger generations to do here therefore crime rates are going to continue to increase. Also, the options of the NATIVE citizens should matter more than those of the visitors and retirees.
The town seems to have no special appeal, looks like any other town, and no parking!
The roads are terrible, bumpy, repaved in spots, cannot see the lines, and no street lights on 280 e
There are too many stop lights and not timed at all. Why did we spend money on the street lights downtown when we did not need to? Just one of many questions.
We have festivals in town which do not benefit anyone except tourists, and impossible, and may I repeat impossible to get around for us local folks trying to go to work or the store.
The very fact that our county officials are taking action NOW to meet future needs for the people of Transylvania County is a sign of prudent government management.
The younger generation is having to go out of the county to find jobs and all the county is interested in is inviting out-of-town tourist to make our county a tourist attraction
The younger people have few opportunities for growth, career and building a family with rising cost of living here and minimal professional careers.
The. County commissioners need to be more proactive and forward looking
There is no industry in the County.
There appears to be an increase of open minded people living here. Focus on youth has increased.
There are both pluses and minuses
There are definitely things I love about our town. I'm not a drinker, so I would LOVE to see some businesses BESIDES breweries come into Brevard; letting some GOOD restaurants into the county/city would be great. Not Mexican food. We have plenty of those. Would like something to do with our kids when we don't want to go to the forest or go hiking. Several of the downtown festivals have been turned into a "beer fest" and I won't bring my family to that. We don't drink and I don't like to be around 20,000 drinkers.
THERE ARE ENTRENCHED INTERESTS PULLING BOTH WAYS AND I'M NOT SURE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE (RATHER THAN WANTING TO RETURN TO THE PAST) ARE GOING TO ACTUALLY LEAD US, WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT
There are many new businesses such as Oscar Blues, many new or enhanced community events such as the runs around town and the festivals.
There are mixed signals in the actions taken by the leadership and major players in the community.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
There are no jobs. Our economy is suffering because it is ran by silver spoon politicians that have no clue what it's truly like to struggle. Or spend more time away from home and family because you work multiple jobs out of the county you live in to pay for a SIMPLE life.
There are no larger manufacturing businesses to attract and hold people in the area. For the most part you can live in Transylvania county but you can't work here. Tourism is fickle and seasonal. If you are not involved in that industry you have to work outside of the county
There are no long term jobs for anyone or employment options, to make a living. I love my county but the politics on how things are done are ridiculous
There are no opportunities for those who want to raise a family here as the county has gone from looking out for the wellbeing of their constituents who have been here for generations to only worrying about the tourist economy and bicyclists.
There are not enough jobs available for those looking, the cost of living is high, but it is a beautiful and close-knit place to live.
There are not enough jobs for locals. The price of living is high. Everything seems to be focused on the tourists, and retirees intend of the locals.
There are not job to support the cost of living. And it is NOT like this in other areas of the country.
There are old retirees, tourists, and families that live here full time in poverty. There are very few residents in between these two extremes and as someone who has lived here my whole life, I feel like people are moving in here and kind of taking over. I understand that our number one industry is probably tourism, but I think that there needs to be more than that for people to work in because that is such an unpredictable industry.
There are so many areas out our way that have no restrictions as far as what can be on your property---trash.
There are some great assets but we also lack in some areas.
There are times that some of our County Commissioners seem to stand in the way equipping the county for sustained growth.
There are too many forces pulling in too many directions to know exactly how things will turn out. Many of the desires here seem to be short sighted and self-serving, though. If the county continues to acquiesce to the demands of those who have no lasting stake in the future (I.e. They will likely be dead.) we will be left with a shell of foreclosed McMansions and minimum wage jobs.
There does not seem to be a planned countywide direction nor does there seem to be any consistent following of whatever direction has been claimed to be "planned".
There does not seem to be an economic plan in the County. People still think we are going to get some sort of major industry. It most likely is not happening. The County should be a tourist mecca, but it does not embrace it. Because of a lack of motels and restaurants tourists spend their day here then go back to Henderson and Buncombe County to eat and lodge. That is inexcusable. Yes, industry is good and we need a mixed economy, but we are ignoring our one true strength.
There has been a lot of growth in Transylvania County centering on tourism. This is understandable due to the fact that we are a vacation destination in the mountains of WNC. However, a lot of the business growth centers around bicycles and breweries/alcohol. There is no longer a lot here for native residents who are Christians with small kids. We are losing the personal hometown feel for natives.
There has been an increase in activities for children and teenagers. Many new restaurants and new jobs have slowly been moving into the area. The schools are awesome and there is a lot of community involvement.
There is a clear divide between local natives and those who move to this area. The two groups have different visions for our area. Natives dwell on the loss of manufacturing and do not embrace change while new residents seek to capitalize on what is here-natural resources. County and City entities unfortunately are so strict and tight with their funding and mindset that it is hard for new business to get established.
There is a critical need for affordable housing for young adults and families. This includes good rental apartments and affordable single family homes. The existing housing stock in Brevard is modest and very overpriced.
There is a lot of good happening but some not so good. More focus needs to be on families that make this their home!
There is a need for skilled, higher paying jobs for our young people.
There is a very unfriendly business climate here. We've known several people who have taken their businesses/services elsewhere because of the difficulties the county put in their way.
There is an acknowledged need to develop a comprehensive, strategic plan for the future.
There is an attraction here that keeps people coming to live & visit.
There is an overemphasis on tourism currently that seems to me unsustainable at its current level. Tourism is a good thing in the short term, but unless we can attract businesses to the county to diversify our economic base, the county is unlikely to enjoy solid economic growth in the long term (10 years or more).
There is apparent that there are segments of the community unwilling to face the need for change.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
There is growth. I feel we need more for the younger generations to do. I also feel that we need more than just fast food (burger places) to eat.
There is lack of importance placed on more substantial jobs for our county and lack of concern for educating our children, raising idiots who will make decisions for us in the future! It's all about the money that powers that be can put in their own pockets!
There is little growth in the job market..
There is no "substantial "job growth.
There is no "right or wrong" answer.
There is no collective consensus of direction, the County and the City fight over resources, business is far too regulated (UDO) and there are very few middle class jobs. Was that more than 1?
There is no effective plan to bring clean manufacturing to town or proper development of our wonderful natural resources. I.e. There should be a nice takeout at every bridge on the French Broad- we don't make tourism easy.
There is no emphasis for providing first class Information Technology throughout the county. This is evidenced by the restrictive county ordinance that does not reflect current FCC guidance to encourage establishment of wireless service. Without wireless and broadband services at competitive rates, TC is, and will remain a disadvantaged county.
There is no good employment for the younger generations. Since Ecusta has left you all have run our county into the ground. We need industry so we can make this place better. Not all of us have those fancy government jobs you guys got. I drive to South Carolina so I can make ends meet. Step it up douche bags, or you won't even have a county to improve. Just a big retirement home.
There is no industry here to attract young adults and families. Seems that a lot of businesses are not given incentives to come here because "that's not the kind of business we want". We have the retirement community covered along with tourism. Let's keep and attract young adults and families! It is discouraging when you realize that you can purchase a home in a neighboring county for a lot less than you can in Transylvania.
There are no jobs for kids getting out of high school or college.
There is not a lot of opportunity for the younger generation for good employment.
There are not enough things here for the youth to enjoy!
There is nothing for our young generation. Such as our movie cinema. Everything is to improve the older groups
There is NOTHING here no place to work no place to play no place to eat NOTHING to do
There is too great an effort to maintain the status quo. The councils, commissions, boards, etc. are made up of too many old natives who are not familiar with how the world outside Transylvania County works. New ideas are frowned upon, if they are considered all. This is not a fun place to live.
There is too much emphasis on retirement/tourism and not enough effort/tax breaks for new industry.
There is too much emphasis on service type businesses and little to no emphasis on manufacturing. Service businesses do not create high paying jobs. Where it's the next generation going to work? Not here!
There is widespread recognition that Transylvania County is a special place - even with its problems and issues. All places have issues but the people of Transylvania County value this area's many traditions while recognizing that the present and future must be different. People genuinely care about life here.
There needs to be a focus on bringing in industry opportunities so our young folks can remain in Transylvania County.
There needs to be a hospital and since the birthing center has closed there needs to be a discussion with the hospital and the school of what they can do to work together so we can keep families in Transylvania County, otherwise I have huge concerns of what our schools will look like in 5 and 15 years down the road. There is already little industrial work for people; we need to have jobs and places for people to have a family to build a school.
There seems an ongoing conflict on numerous issues - some make sense, some seem out of left field.
There seems to be a disconnect between the folks who hope to see a big industry return to the county, and those who realize it's highly unlikely and want to plan for a future without that.
There seems to be a focus on attracting younger people to the area
There seems to be a lot of likeminded people in Brevard but they fall into groups. 1) Retirees 2) locals that struggle financially 3) locals business owners 4) recreationalists that moved to Brevard.
I'm not sure what direction the "county" is trying to go...
There seems to be a lot of talk about Economic Development, but not much action so far. I would like to see the City of Brevard and Transylvania County government work together to build the infrastructure needed to attract new businesses.
There seems to be a philosophical division in understanding what are assets are, and how to leverage and utilize them.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
There seems to be a push and pull between residents about what would be good for the county.
There seems to be considerable thought and definition to the "quality" of what we are.
There are not a lot of quality jobs left in this county. It seems the bikes and brewery are taking over
They are looking to embrace the outdoor community which is a good thing, but I'm not sure if they will let the town turn into strip malls and a "Gatlinburg" type resort town. Or, will we be able to maintain the small town quaintness. We need to direct the growth instead of react to it.
They are not conducive to new businesses or industry. Too much bureaucracy.
THEY CATER TO RETIRES AND TOURIST AND HAVENT TRIED TO CREATE ANY JOBS OTHER THAN FOR THE COUNTY AT TAXPAYERS EXPENSE!
THEY CATER TO TOURIST AND HIGH END RETIRES. THEY HAVE NOTHING TO KEEP THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS HERE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.
Things have changed so much since I was little...
Things have grown stagnant with jobs, economy and growth in the community.
Things have improved in Transylvania County since I moved here as a teenager in 1993.
Things just don't seem to get done when they are expected to be done.
things seem more pulled together
Things seem to be picking up.
Think industry should be brought back into county.... No really good jobs for younger ppl either
Think we are concentrating on too limited businesses.
This county does not allow/permit new businesses who are interested in coming here to have an easy time of finding/buying land and facilities due to the extrigent guidelines in place. Surrounding counties are BOOMING with new growth while we are very stagnant.
This county has a serious problem in developing employment opportunities for our residents so that they may earn a living wage. Being a resort/retirement community, there is often a premium paid to live here. In other words, there are times when an employer believes that living here is part of the benefit of working here. In other words, wages are lower because we live in such a beautiful place, while, at the same time, cost of living is higher, e.g., transportation, housing, access to services, and access to medical services.
This county has become all about the tourists..... we need to BRING BACK industry to this county for the local people and their families... WE HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE LOCALS
This county has no standards for putting industry in, animal control, etc.
This county used to have a lot more industry. A plant or corporation would be great and give a lot of families employment opportunities. Our county seems to only want to attract small private businesses/breweries, coffee shop/cafes, and retirees. What about the middle age, middle class, and our children???
This has always been home to me, but things are different now with the entire outlook for the county.
this survey
This survey and comprehensive plan is the perfect example. Continuing to strive for growth and improvement is always the right direction.
this survey is a great start to getting input from the "locals"
This survey is an indication that the county is moving in the right direction. Developing a comprehensive plan with community input is a very positive move.
This survey makes me wonder. Can't we just keep our courthouse and our birthing center?
This survey!
This town has become too commercialized. I understand the need for tourism, but that should not be ALL that this county has to offer. It is becoming more difficult for locals to find adequate/competitive employment within the county.
This town is geared towards tourism and locals have a hard time surviving.
Those in charge are philosophically afraid to raise taxes and create the possibilities for business to be attracted here. We need to create an infra structure whether it be better telecommunication and/or sewer and water to be attractive to small manufacturing and or people (hopefully young) working from home and telecommunicating with their jobs in Atlanta, Raleigh, etc. This area is very attractive to the young.
Though much is being done for those living in poverty in the county, it is still a pressing issue.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Thriving
To be honest, the direction is never clearly stated or articulated.
Too many fast food joints and not enough stuff for children/young people.
Too many people are moving to the area and there are no job opportunities for them. Budget cuts in schools means more at risk kids. Way to many bicycles on the curvy back roads making it dangerous for bikers and cars
Too many tourist attractions... The historic heart if Brevard is hard to find nowadays
To many tourist, not improving the actual town
Too many years of "leaving good enough alone" (good-ol' boy thing I think). Too many years of getting professional opinions on direction of traffic, down town beautification with little to no real good results.
Too much focus on tourism!
Too much focus on Tourist not Industry
Too much land is being built up. It should retain some of its small town loveliness. It should not become a small city like Hendersonville.
too "stuck in the past"; not appearing to be open to the possibilities
Too conservative. We have to prepare for the future with some investment.
Too expensive
Too little activities for young adults. Not enough jobs
Too many "studies"!
Too many danger now days. Not enough good cops.
Too many factors to consider saying right or wrong.
Too many families are in poverty.
Too many folks in our county do not want us to grow economically. Therefore, there are few jobs that pay living wages. As a result, many of our young folks have no reason to remain here.
Too many new junk food, other business's plastic storefronts, LED signs, Junk visible to public on many commercial properties (being Wells Fargo at the thrift store) as one example. Need to have historic architecture incorporated into new buildings.
Too many people who can't or won't think "out of the box." No one involved in planning appears to be able to think about the future and makes plans that will soon become outdated.
Too many regulations
too many regulations ,too many permits, too hard on businesses
Too many residents cling to the past, not wanting to adjust to new and likely economic realities. Entrenched County Commission majority reflects this. There seems to be no creativity or flexibility in policy or execution.
Too many restrictions on business and industry. We don't need a comprehensive plan. We need the planning department to advocate for reducing regulations and taxes.
Too many retired people moving here...everything is expensive compared to counties around us.
too many retirees , bicycle riders, outdoor recreation, tourist
Too many summer people.
Too many tourists
TOO MANY USELESS "PLANS" TOO MUCH ATTENTION ON TOURISM. NOT ENOUGH EFFORT TO ATTRACT GOOD, CLEAN MFGR/IND CORPS. MAKING BEER DOES NOT COUNT!!
Too much "growth" emphasis. Not enough appreciation for nature.
Too much catering to east areas of the county.
Too much emphasis is being put on recreation, biking and beer in this county and not enough is being done to improve the roads, fiber optic lines, natural gas, sewer, water or other infrastructure needed to bring jobs to this county- If you are not going to bring jobs here, at least transport people safety from this county to where the current jobs are. This county has become a bicycling and retiree mecca, and a huge exporter of young people, particularly native young people who have to leave their home to find work.
Too much emphasis is placed on being a tourist destination and not enough emphasis on bringing industry to our county.
Too much emphasis on GROWTH. The county should instead strive for no or very limited growth, and equilibrium of population and jobs. The never-ending treadmill of growth followed by the need for yet more growth is not sustainable. Brevard is now a constant stream of traffic and Rt. 64 has become fast-food alley.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Too much emphasis on pleasing and catering to tourists
Too much emphasis on pleasing tourists and retirees
Too much emphasis on tourism
Too much emphasis on tourism and attracting outsiders to the area
Too much emphasis on tourism and not enough on good paying jobs
Too much emphasis placed on tourism instead of the local people.
Too much focus on retiree population. If we want Transylvania to grow, we need to focus on the younger population and those wanting to raise a family in this beautiful county.
Too much focus on tourism! The word is out about how awesome it is here! Now let's focus on how low the graduation rate is and why our young people are struggling to get by. Young people are forced to move away to make a living.
Too much focus on tourism. Need more, good paying jobs for young people to stay in area.
too much government including regional connections
Too much government/control
Too much growth
Too much growth, I bought property here 20 years ago because the area was pretty much rural, low growth.
Too much racism and violence.
Too much reliance on recreation, tourism, service industry and too little emphasis on clean industry to support the working class people. We don't need more bicycles, but we do need good roads from Rosman to South Carolina and west to Sylva, west. If we don't have a good transportation system, we lose.
Too much reluctance on the part of the commissioners and public to try new initiatives.
Appearance of a lack of understanding that to effectively grow investments must be made.
Too much spending on county offices and renovations. Also too much emphasis on bike and hiking trails. Let's put more money out there to improve things for locals, not just those who visit here. Jobs are few and far between that offer more than minimum wage. Tourism only brings service related jobs at low salaries.
Too much tourism. No Industry for young people. See the schools and Sharing House. Inspections need to lighten up.
Too negative
Too picky about new businesses (i.e. types of freaking trees in front of new stores)
Too slowly, too much talk not enough action. Unwillingness by the county commission to raise taxes, improve infrastructure, bring us into the 21st century with connectivity. They listen too much to the right wing that want No Tax Increase no matter what and are only concerned about zoning and their private property rights.
Tourism and our presence are growing - need to find ways to increase this. Thrilled that the county is finally finding its way into the 21st century with relaxed liquor laws.
Tourism is good and brings money into the county. But I don't think we should be depending on tourism alone- which is the path that we seem to be walking. We have to have some kind of industry to bring desperately needed jobs to this area. I have been commuting for work since 2005
Tourism is our best asset due to the mountains and waterways that provide countless opportunities for adventure vacations.
Tourism is the best industry for the future of the economy, including development of music programs and a reputation nationally as a music center.
Tourism is the way we are headed. we need jobs not a bike path
Tourism is the wrong direction. Tourism is not a panacea, but instead creates jobs that are low paying, offer few benefits, and are only part-time or seasonal work.
Tourism is up and small business owners are doing better.
Tourism is what the county seems to count on for the future. The County needs manufacturing jobs to have sustainable growth.
Tourism oriented
Tourist
Tourist
Tourists are taking over, locals have limited or no access to things that have become tourist attractions such as swimming holes and parks during the summertime
tourists do not bring good paying jobs
Tourists town

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
tourists versus jobs/business growth
town development, bike trails, focus on tourism
Trans Co seems to be heading toward more government involvement and control.
The city and county government are corrupt and the school board is as well.
Transparency and community involvement encouraged
Transylvania continues to bring in businesses that only pay minimum wage. Bo jangles, Waffle House, and the "resort" that is being talked about moving to the Ecusta property are not employers that can sustain a family. We don't necessarily need to attract the DuPont's and Ecusta's back into our community but there are thousands of business that could be attracted that would pay at least a living wage and offer full benefits. Why not attract a bicycle manufacturer, or manufacturer of outdoor products that would hire between 40-100 people? We don't need more places to eat and shop, we need more JOBS!!
Transylvania County caters to the tourists! There is no economic growth and no new jobs being brought into the county. Our kids are having to move elsewhere to survive!
Transylvania County is currently being run as an oligarchy, with a small number of powerful people from the City of Brevard making all the relevant decisions. This stymies important growth and opportunities, especially for young people. For example, I am a 29-year-old working professional, but I have mild cerebral palsy. I cannot drive, and I have no options for transportation other than a paratransit bus aimed at taking senior citizens to doctor's appointments. I also don't have access to cultural, intellectual, or social enrichment because of this. Transylvania County needs better transportation options, more leisure activities for young people, and well-paying jobs for working age individuals.
Transylvania County is embracing cycling, mountain biking, crafts, families, and our mountain heritage and history.
Transylvania County is going in the wrong direction because our leaders are out of touch, and we are being taken over by bicyclists and by tourists.
Transylvania county is very hard to build in. We need more chain restaurants so ppl can eat within the community and not have to travel. I think there are too many banks, gas stations and non-necessary empty buildings! I think we need to be child friendly!
Transylvania County needs to be attractive to young families with children to thrive. I see more and more young families with children moving to the area even though there are not enough quality preschool/day care programs available.
Transylvania County needs to stop catering to the tourists/visitors and start creating jobs and giving the local residents a reason and opportunity to be able to live here and not have to move away to find work.
Transylvania County seems unable to decide whether its future is linked to tourism, trying to attract new businesses, or simply becoming another "Hendersonville" for retirees.
Transylvania County should be a destination, preserving the natural landscape, water and the beauty of the area.
Transylvania is a county just hanging on- not progressing
Transylvania is a dying community. Our population is aging and there is no appeal to younger people. This is easily demonstrated in the closing of the birthing center and declining school enrollment. We have no infrastructure to attract any industry. We only have water and sewer in the city and what there is in poor condition. If it were not for the location as far as natural beauty and forest land and recreation, it would be a ghost town. We fail in comparison to our neighboring counties. We are way behind.
Transylvania is an old fashioned community that is not afraid of change or outsiders.
Trying to diversify economy without damaging our natural resources
Trying to grow a diverse local economy.
Trying to grow too much
Trying to make it a big city like Asheville but we aren't Asheville
Turning into tourist economy. Should entice more industry to support the local people.
unable to determine the direction the county has chosen
Unaware of current plans...
Unaware of long-range plans for development.
Uncertain if there is a "direction" we're headed

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
Unfortunately, we need to get in step with changes in economics, technology and true conservative business values -- that adapt business and economics in times of change. For example, there has been leadership opposing or not supporting a Greenway on the old rail corridor between Brevard and Hendersonville. Trail banking does not stop business from returning and other rail uses. Leaders seem to listen to a few property rights proponents, or delay progress because they dream of industry returning to the county without understanding the law and business/community creative applications that result in a win-win. We need to recognize the economic and tourism advantages of a trail, the benefits of which range from dollars flowing to both city and home/rural businesses along the route. And property values historically increase for residences located next to a greenway trail. People will move and build in T.C. with such innovation.
Unqualified economic development personnel
Unsure if it will change, I like it as is & prefer population doesn't increase too much
unsure of the counties plan to bring better job in.
Uptown business owners don't seem to want to allow other business to come here. Too many regulations! We need more for children to do, it seems like it's all for tourists and elderly
urban renewal
Urban renewal.
Vapor Store, Etowah
VERY disappointed that the TRH proposed cardio health center with pool facility was not moved forward.
More favorable attention given to bicyclists on the roadways than vehicular traffic.
Roadways closed periodically for events that favor the downtown businesses over through traffic.
Appalled that the biomass facility was even considered, and plans apparently hidden for too long before released to public!
Very little is being done for job growth other than minimum wage fast food places. Nothing lasting for adults.
Very pleased.
very poor business growth opportunities
Very poor leadership by county commissioners.
Very slow development. Have to go outside of city to access major resources/services.
Vision not always clear. Need to make community as attractive as possible for young families. City and county need to not duplicate efforts. Silvermont tennis and house need to continue to be substantial funded along with SCHOOLS!!!
Wages are in free fall, schools are declining, hospital is declining, good jobs are scarce, Brevard is looking slummy, and 2/3 of parents can't afford to pay for school lunch. State and National Forests are over used by a community desperate to draw visitors.
Walking trails at Rec. Center, Davidson River, Gallimore
Waste to much money on commissioners special interests.
Water and sewage upgrade is needed. No zoning and growth seems haphazard. The beautiful environment in this area needs to be preserved and better utilized for promotion of tourism and for enjoyment by the residents.
Water and sewage upgrading is needed. The beautiful surroundings in this region should be preserved and better utilized for the promotion of tourism and for the enjoyment by county residents.
We encourage people to come to us, we are one of the biking meccas/premier outdoor areas of the country and yet we have no bike lanes to accommodate the on road bikers.
We appear to be extremely focused on tourism and are not focused on allowing companies into the county that can offer wages that people can live off of. I am all for keeping our county pristine, but there has to be a balance of decent paying jobs or we will become a retirement community that people come to visit.
We are acknowledging that tourism is a big industry for us. I moved here because of the mountains and the recreation that they offer. Jobs are not easy to find here, and don't pay as much as living elsewhere in the country. However, the payoff is I live somewhere where the vibe is good--and outdoor recreation is at its finest.
We are acknowledging where we are, identifying opportunity to improve, and putting plans in motion to make our community better.
We are attracting more tourists and less citizens who are bringing families to attend our schools.
We are becoming too much of a tourist destination, and because of that the only good jobs available in the county are low-paying service jobs.
We are being priced gauged on gas prices. Spend too much on bicycle paths. No good paying jobs in this county.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
We are capitalizing on the values, talents and positive attributes of Brevard and Transylvania Co, i.e., the arts and the environment, as well as the creative intelligence of the citizenry.
We are catering to the retired people that are not from here and not offering good paying job opportunities to entice people to move here or better schools. Let's face it Bo jangles is not going to pay the bills. You need to get out there and work and offer tax breaks to big companies to open up here and therefore you will get more tax money from the workers of the company. What you are doing is driving the working man or woman away and obviously not working. I am not at all happy with what is being done. My kids the way it stands will have to move away from here to get a good paying job. We have had the opportunity for some big companies to relocate to this area and county commissioners and our county planner have run them off. Let's face it the only people moving here are older people that are not able to give to the county. They are only here to take from the county. This will not make the county better. It will eventually bankrupt the county. Start looking out for the citizens that are from here instead of the people that are not from here for once.
We are depending too much on tourism. There is a need for business or industry that can provide good jobs for young families... Tourism only provides SERVICE jobs which ARE NOT career opportunities.
We are doing a great job bring people into the area to enjoy the outdoors adventures we have. We are not doing a very good job at bring in good paying jobs.
We are doing very little as a county to attract long staying job providing businesses. We are a great recreational and seasonal community however we need to do something to provide year round jobs for the local folks.
We are doing well at attracting visitors and utilizing our natural resources, but there still doesn't seem to be work to support a strong middle class.
We are focusing too much on tourism and leaving behind what made this county great...the locals...
We are getting a lot of attention. People are coming and want to live here. It's only a matter of time before good businesses do that as well.
We are going BACK to the 19th century! Our county commissioners need to recognize that we live in the 21st Century and we CANNOT go back to the glory days of Ecusta and DuPont!
We are looking to and planning for the future of our community
We are losing our small town atmosphere when people move in from other locations & try to change our town to where those people moved from & we're getting away from. We the people have to accommodate to bicyclists on our roads when there is a bike path, I'm speaking of competition type biking not getting back & forth to work. It causes hazards on our back roads.
We are losing our small town charm with the addition of yet another fast food restaurant along with their flashing electric sign. Asheville Highway is starting to look like every other poorly planned town's business section. It seems every year more of these ugly signs are added.
We are losing the younger generation to the retirees. We need more things for the youth to do.
we are losing young couples, because we do not have jobs
We are more progressive
We are moving forward with the times (technology, beautification, community events, etc.)
We are moving in the right direction. There is a growing appreciation for the health benefits and general well-being of our citizens that comes from development projects that promote our outdoor attractions and activities. There is also a growing appreciation of the economic value in these types of projects.
We are not kid friendly! Only focused on travel and tourism. We need things for our children to do! Skate park, teen center, etc...We also need to allow other businesses and bigger restaurants to come into our town. We need something other than Mexican and Fast Food!
We are not progressing equally with other counties in terms of economic development; we are far behind on our recruitment abilities.
We are not put our money back in the community. We need more ambulances and paramedics to drive them.
We are responding appropriately to change driven by forces outside our control, in order to maintain our vitality as a community.
We are starting to focus on the benefit our natural resources bring to the county, and question our ability to take care of them. We are also starting to focus on our need to improve city and county's aging infrastructure, which must be improved before we can get additional businesses here.
We are still preserving the natural beauty of the county, but not growing enough.
We are tapping into our natural resources to create jobs as well as a way of living for our citizens
We are thinking ahead and planning ahead.
We are working on public transportation, it is badly needed. I consider this the single biggest issue at hand.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
WE CAN'T SEEM TO DECIDE ON WHAT TYPE OF GROWTH WE WANT. WE TOUT OUR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES BUT DON'T SUPPORT THEM (NO BIKE LANES, FEW CAMPGROUNDS OR MOTEL ROOMS). WE ASK FOR INDUSTRY BUT HAVE NO INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THEM.
We cater to the tourists and retirees rather than to our own people. Our motto should be "we do NOT take care of our own!"
We continue to cater to the retired citizens. They are important to our community but not as important as our youth.
We could use more sit down restaurants and not so many fast food ones.
We do not need to prepare for population growth when we have a problem with the population now. Our homeless rate is not good and there is nothing for the kids to do. That's why kids are having kids.
We done nothing for the last 10 years at least so I can't tell if that is right or wrong. It is just nothing.
We don't have ample stable, year-round jobs that pay a living wage. Our elected leadership is so risk/tax averse that we have not spent money to prepare our location to be an attractive one for those types of jobs. We have focused on seasonal, tourism-driven, service employment.
We don't seem to want to embrace changes.
We elect commissioners who want no change. The world is changing. We need to keep up with changes and be willing to make serious decisions such as raising taxes for the infrastructure needed to bring in possible employers.
We have an increasing older population, with no opportunities or incentives to keep our young people in the county.
We have based our economy solely on tourism and retirement communities...The blue collar workers have to travel outside of the county for work.
We have county and city officials that are competent, take charge and are planning for the future of our county
We have county employees in economic development who say they are working to get industry into Transylvania County...but we just never seem to be able to get any industry. Perhaps the commissioners don't want industry, so as to satisfy the "retiree" community who bring wealth into the county. But this wealth only ends up in marginal pay work for county locals, service jobs at low pay, and not even enough income for a local family to even buy a decent home to live in. Retirees come into the county, live a few years, die, and their condo or apartment gets leased again, and the cycle continues. When will local people have a decent chance to live decently in "our" county???
We have finally started looking at growing our county based on our natural resources.
We have good leadership and realistic goal setting has become a priority.
We have got to get the younger people to stay here that means jobs other than service jobs
We have little paying jobs and housing and taxes are too high we are drowning
We have only lived here 6 months. We moved here to escape the craziness in Buncombe Co, where we lived for 35 years. We see early signs of some of the craziness we watched develop in Buncombe. We are SO hoping we never see bumper stickers that say "keep Brevard weird" 😊
We have property in the county but don't live there so we don't have a lot of useful data to comment on.
We have taken away all of the industrial jobs, and people who have lived here for years are now unable to hold jobs that support their families. I believe that we can work together to bring industry back in a way that honors and protects our beautiful surrounds. We need jobs for the average person just trying to provide for their families. We are now catering to everyone else that comes to our town. While tourism is great the service industry and small jobs have failed to give incomes to families who are just trying to make their mortgage every month.
We have to make sure Mission does not destroy our hospital by doing away with it piece by piece.
We just moved here last August. We hope it is moving in the "right" direction as we call this our forever home to friends and family!
We like the rural atmosphere that Brevard used to have. Bringing in all the tourism has created traffic issues in the summer and taken away from the feeling of "small town USA" that Brevard used to have.
We like the small town field
We live in a very tourist based area which is quite understandable due to the fact that it's our main source of income during the summer but during the winter we have very few activities and opportunities for the year-round residents.
We looked in many, many places to retire - including foreign countries - and stopped looking when we discovered Connestee Falls, Brevard and Transylvania County. The arts, culture, natural beauty, trails ... I could go on and on. This is paradise!
We loved the small town atmosphere and now there is a big eye sore in downtown.
We moved here 8 months ago

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
We moved to Transylvania County in September 2014 and are just beginning to learn the community. We have found people to be friendly and the business community enthusiastic about what they do and willing to collaborate for the good of their business and their customers. I think for adults over 30, the community offers a lot to do. And if you are interested in biking, there is much to do. But I wonder whether teens consider this a good place to grow up and then leave because of the lack of employment opportunities. Are they drawn to Asheville or beyond? It's the challenge of all communities to retain their "creative class."
We need viable industry not more tourism
We need an industry to bring jobs to the area for the residents that are not retired. A large number of our population only has minimum wage jobs to choose from. These jobs do not pay a realistic living wage.
We need better schools and better indoor and outdoor exercise opportunities for all of our citizens (such as walking and biking trails, sidewalks and an indoor pool.) We need expanded recreational opportunities with extended hours. We need to invest in the health of our citizens by providing recreational facilities, programs and options that are free and family friendly (bike and pedestrian path to Hendersonville.)
We need better tech infrastructure - internet, wireless access.
We need more facilities - dog park, health center
We need the Ecusta trail, bike path expansion
We need more sidewalks.
We need Industry and Jobs!
We need industry with a meaningful # of jobs for the community to reduce the tax burden on property owners
We need industry with shift workers.
We need infrastructure to support growth as we have antiquated sewer, water, roads, sidewalks, etc.
We need jobs
We need jobs and that is not going to happen unless we deal with infrastructure issues--water, sewage etc.
We need jobs for our future generations
We need jobs for our future.....our children and grandchildren. We need to KEEP our young population. It will hurt our schools if our numbers dwindle. The next question: Too little growth as far as jobs/industry goes. We need a balance between the people moving in here and the needs of our local people. No problem with new people coming in. Huge problem with our heritage people unable to live comfortably! We need some type of factory jobs for those people who lost their jobs and are not "high tech." (age 45-65) They are so busy trying to live they do not have time to go back to school and learn technology!
We need jobs for our youth. Long lasting jobs. :leadership in Ed.,Rec building in the Black Community, Improved housing in Black community, fair pay to minority etc.
We need jobs for residents and leave the runners and bikers off the highways. They are dangerous and don't move out of a vehicle's way. 3 in a row on the road are BAD.
We need more affordable housing in order to keep teachers, firefighters, and police in the county. We need more major businesses in order to have more jobs for younger people. I heard that Sierra Nevada was interested in Brevard, but was discouraged by our community leaders, so they went to Asheville. We need to close these deals--not let them get away!!!!
We need more aggressive recruiting for jobs. Not just tourist jobs but manufacturing. Not specific types of manufacturing but all. In particular take a look at Sierra Nevada Brewing. The restrictions were so difficult here they went across the county line and built an amazing facility. I do not drink alcohol but that is a facility that any community should be proud to have.
We need more industry for jobs - not just tourists
We need more jobs
We need more jobs for the residents besides focusing all on tourism
We need more jobs like factory and industrial jobs.
We need more jobs not related to the tourists
We need more jobs that are not based on tourism and alcohol. The county leaders need to give businesses that wish to come to and set up in our county the financial incentives they need and deserve.
We need more jobs that pay a higher wage. More activities for K-12 grades. More retail businesses. More Family-oriented restaurants not geared toward tourists. MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, not necessarily low-income!!!
We need more jobs, industries, and restaurants.
We need more jobs.



Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
We need more opportunity as far as mom seasonal jobs
We need to attract more jobs with benefits. Young people have no choice but to move away if they want to support a family.
We need to be concentrating on industrial growth and jobs for our young people. Too much emphasis on tourist trade, bicycles, etc.
We need to encourage more CLEAN industry to bring jobs. We are losing our young people. We have to give them a reason to stay or move here.
We need to focus on getting good paying jobs to keep people coming here, also we need to focus on native people not the implants that move here and want to take over
We need to have good paying jobs so our children don't move away.
We need to keep out businesses
We need to offer our you people more opportunities for gainful employment so that they can afford to stay and raise their families here. Too many of our best and brightest students go off to college and then have to find work elsewhere.
We need to promote a large manufacturer to come here and save our rail line and promote more jobs for our younger residents.
We need to work on more opportunities for our younger folks so they don't have to move away to find work. We may also be too reliant on tourism. We need to diversify our economy so it is more resilient.
We need white castle
We seem more focused on promoting service jobs than living wage jobs. We need to keep our rails, not for recreation, but for the chance of an industry locating here.
We seem to be focusing on outdoor recreation and tourism but we need to get more serious about it and get the folks in city and county jobs or elected folks that are not on board to find something else to do
We seem to be too focused on locating large businesses. We need to maximize our natural resources to develop new business opportunities.
We seem to have all the resources, but don't know how to utilize them to their fullest potential. For some reason, the county seems to be chasing its own tail.
We still need more industry
We worry about the quality of education our grandchildren are getting in the public schools, the push to bring more tourists to the area when parking is already a problem. The type of businesses tourism attracts isn't always sustainable. We need to preserve our old buildings, not tear them down. Brevard is in danger of losing its small town feel. The green spaces need to be honored. Pisgah and DuPont are often overwhelmed and sometimes sadly abused by over use. We need to be certain we don't destroy the places people are attracted to when they visit us. Bicycles are becoming a problem on the narrow winding roads.
We would like to see infrastructure in place before new growth creates an emergency that needs swift corrective actions rather than thoughtful actions.
Well-Managed in keeping w/in borders of sustainable growth and environmental protection.
We're adding more businesses and improving our economy
We're beginning to attract a younger demographic in both residents & tourists.
We're growing but not forgetting what makes it a special place.
We're headed toward more outdoor recreation tourism, the change is inevitable!
We've done some good things in terms of attracting tourists without sacrificing our town identity, but politically speaking we are still behind the times.
What direction?
What's the "right" direction?
When it comes to the hiring of teachers, their skills as a teacher should be the first thing to be judged by and it should not matter whether or not they can coach a sport. I believe that right now, in our school system, teachers are picked based on whether or not they can coach, not what quality of education they can deliver, and I believe that, in the end, our students are going to be the ones suffering.
When the former County Manager was in charge, I seriously questioned the quality of leadership that was being displayed. Now that he has been replaced by a new Manager, I have hope that the leadership will be stronger and some of the Commissioners will be also replaced to provide more competent, objective leadership...
when there is a company to expand into the county it get look down on
Whether or not Transylvania County is heading in the right direction or not I believe that what will happen will happen regardless and the best plan is to remain flexible and address the changes needed as Transylvania County changes over the next 10 years.

Please name one reason why you chose this answer:
While I do find we are heading in the right direction in general...I believe the county does not do enough to attract industry and makes it too difficult to open small businesses. We need bike paths Not expensive renovated tax collector offices!!!! We need zoning to get a grip on all the eye sores...etc.
While I think some very good things are happening in the community, I think many residents are growing concerned about their local government and the apparent struggles for control that don't foster trust, collaboration or transparency. No one can deny the positive contributions Jimmy Harris and Mac Morrow have made to our community, but the recent ouster of the city manager and planning department, and the secrecy and defensiveness around that conflict, feel more like a power grab than an attempt to resolve concerns around the UDO, the water treatment facility, etc. The appearance that city government wants a strict set of rules that can be applied when and how council sees fit, rather than a set of rules that apply equally to everyone, definitely has a "Go See The Wizard" feel that can't possibly be good for economic development. And if the result of that type of tightly held control is Bo jangles and Brevard Place, then it's not a particularly effective model. On the county level, the development of the Econ Partnership had similar behind-the-scenes shadings. Although I think many residents were reassured by the fact that numerous respected and trusted stakeholders participated in the TPED planning process, there's also been a sense that Kir Manufacturing and its employees wielded a lot of influence in that process. It's fairly obvious that Kir had some kind of falling out with Oskar Blues; if David Watkins was going to play such a pivotal role in our economic development, that situation should have been explained to the public, since Oskar Blues was one of the largest economic developments to happen in recent history. Then the task force, on which Watkins served, put one of Watkins' employees on the task force, and Watkins himself was chosen to represent the city on the board by the city council, which included another Kir employee. I've never heard anyone suggest that Watkins, Morrow or Tooley want anything but what's best for their town. But considering that several people have said that our county needs more facilities to attract industry and business, and that Kir owns such a facility, anyone whose paying attention would think that there's a potential conflict of interest. Combined with the ongoing issues around our city's water, and Morrow's position which might be perceived as anti-Oskar Blues, it makes people wonder – right or wrong – if everyone is acting strictly in the community's best interest, or if they're pursuing a different agenda. Appearances matter and anyone thinking about moving a business here wouldn't have to ask too many people or read too much of The Transylvania Times to get a sense that something at least looks a little fishy. Lastly, when you recall that the Goldsmith report specifically suggested that we pare down the number of organizations in town, which we haven't done, it definitely makes you question local governance. No matter how well intentioned all the players are in town, it seems like many of them are not willing to put their egos aside. I think that concerns a lot of people in town, and makes the mistrustful of their local government.
While many great things have happened lately I feel we really dropped the ball when we lose great community partner business like Sierra Nevada to neighboring counties. We need to grow jobs for our era and not hang onto the past.
While small business seems to be going in the right direction, infrastructure and job pay for county employees is lagging far behind what it should be.
While we are trying, we are not doing enough.
With changes in community leadership in the past 6 months and some of the planning activities now underway, I am optimistic that we are now headed in the right direction.
With the loss of most of our large manufacturing plants, the county has made the right decision in seeking to attract tourism and economic friendly businesses to the area
Work no way to make a living.
working to formulate a plan for the future
Worried about uncontrolled development.
would like to have a balance of younger families and retirees and not sure if this is the case
Would like to see more support for Ecusta Trail from the County. Transylvania County has terrific natural beauty, perfect for recreation and it seems the County Commissioners aren't taking advantage. The short video that is used to publicize this survey shows what this county has to offer.
Would like to see the county support the Ecusta Trail, rather than chasing a dream that a business would arise to use the railroad.
Yes, I think continuing to create jobs that maintain our area and resources but create growth is what we needs to be a continued focus of this county.
You are doing this comprehensive plan, thinking forward strategically
You are looking forward. I hope this translates into actions and not only words.
you are making it a tourist town, instead of making jobs for our youth
You have Mark Burrows, an intelligent man of integrity, working in the County.
Young people need jobs. More effort must be spent to develop some clean industry at the old Ecusta plant, for one example



Please name one reason why you chose this answer:

Young working families are struggling because there are not enough jobs in the county. We need to be friendlier to manufacturing again.

Younger people have begun to move in to develop businesses, work, and settle down.

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Q9. What do you like best about Transylvania County? Other (please specify)

Answer Options	Response Count
Other (please specify)	112
<i>answered question</i>	1891
<i>skipped question</i>	222

Other (please specify)	Total
!Library! Small town atmosphere-environment	1
A community that tries very hard to live within its means.	1
able to take walks	1
all	1
All of the above	2
All points above are loved; however, if kids want to stay here then they need GOOD paying jobs.	1
Arts	2
Arts - all the galleries, gallery walks, BMC, Porter Center	1
Arts & Culture	1
Arts/music	1
Beer, Bikes, and Beauty!	1
Best water in North Carolina	1
Bo jangles? Really? (This is a joke.)	1
Brevard College	1
Brevard Music Center, Transylvania Arts	1
Church: Brevard First UMC churches	1
Classical Music -= BMC & College	1
close to Asheville	1
close to cultural centers like Asheville, NC	1
Close to my work	1
College and Music Center	1
community	1
Community activism and charitable focus	1
Community events and involvement	1
Community Outreach	1
Concern about clean water.	1
cultural - theater, music	1
culture	1
Deep Rooted Family History	1

Other (please specify)	Total
Downtown Brevard's "Main Street" America feel	1
Easy for retirees who have sufficient savings/income	1
FAITH BASED COMMUNITY, CHURCHES	1
fish camp restaurant	1
Fishing	1
Friendly locals	1
Friendly people and businesses	1
Generational Succession	1
Golf	1
Healthcare and cultural	1
How the community pulls together to always help each other	1
huge volunteer, retired community that knows how to give	1
I can't come up with anything else.	1
I was born here	1
It is home	1
It is my home.	1
Its home.	1
large cities near by	1
Library	3
Library, medical	1
Library, trail to Pisgah Forest from Brevard	1
lived here all my life, my roots are here, but should have left	1
Low regulation, close to counties with good business climates	1
Low taxes	3
many opportunities to be part of the community through volunteering	1
medical facilities	1
mix of mountains and business/industry for year round jobs	1
Mountain Sun Community School	1
Music	1

Other (please specify)	Total
Music Center	1
Music Center & cultural events at the Brevard College	1
Music Center and Library	1
Music programs	1
music, art and other cultural activities	1
music, arts	1
Musical performances/opportunities	1
my friends who live here have a young daughter in your school system and like the school here	1
native residents	1
natural resources, mostly water	1
Need to put more investment into schools	1
Nothing changes	1
nothing everything is being taken away from local people	1
Numerous hiking opportunities	1
People here are wonderful	1
Potential if properly led	1
Quality of life encompasses several of the above points	1
Quality of schools is starting to deteriorate due to lack of investment	1
Really like the combination of the quality of people and the beauty of the mountains	1
safe environment	1
safety	1
Safety with good law enforcement.	1

Other (please specify)	Total
scenic beauty, slower, safer pace of life	1
Small biz support and all of the above	1
small gov. control	1
Small town with significant activities (BMC and Colleges)	1
so many activities available for people of all ages	1
Supports my career choice.	1
the 1950's	1
The adult day care	1
the availability of arts events	1
The friendliness of the people who live and work here.	1
The local Farmers Market	1
The natural beauty is the only "Best".	1
The people	1
the public library	1
The things I liked I no longer enjoy because of the economy.	1
The wealth and availability of the arts	1
The weather	1
Unitarian church	1
Water- please protect it!	1
weather	2
What I believe is representative of the real USA.	1
white squirrels	1
work	2
(blank)	
Grand Total	112

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Q10. What is Transylvania County's most important asset to be supported or maintained?

Answer Options	Response Count
	1779
<i>answered question</i>	1779
<i>skipped question</i>	334

Response Text
1) Safe routes to allow pedestrian & bicycle access to needs like grocery stores, businesses & restaurants, etc.
2) Keep our environment clean and pristine.
911 system & schools
a railway
A county water authority- Tap N. Fork of FB river.
A nice place to live and/or raise a family
A safe rural environment free of urban problems, traffic, and crime.
A town without too many chains and big box developments AND our parks/recreation
ability to attract new business
absence of pollution
access to lovely assets
access to national forest/state parks; rural atmosphere
Access to natural recreational resources.
access to natural resources
Access to quality forests, trails, swimming holes
Access to quality outdoor recreation activities (cycling, hiking, etc.)
Access to trails, parks, etc.
Active culturally rich lifestyle in a naturally beautiful place
Adequate clean water supply - for now and for the reasonably projected future.
Adventure opportunities and the tourism that comes with it
Advertising and business growth.
AFFORDABILITY
affordability so we can continue to live and work in the same county
Agriculture and forest
Agricultural and forest land
Agriculture

Response Text
Agriculture
Agriculture and farming
Agriculture, forest
All forms of recreation
all of the above
All of the above
All of the people, not just the tourist business
All of the people.
always ready to support street dances, etc.
Ambiance of a small town with character.
an active small town with recreational and cultural offerings
Anything to keep children active
Agriculture
Art
Arts
Arts & cultural events and natural resources - particularly the watershed.
Arts /music and recreational venues
As is. I don't know. We have enough greenway and bike paths and forest service land for all to play on.
Atmosphere
Atmosphere
Attracting & maintaining businesses
bare land... need to stop developments
Beautiful countryside
Beautiful recreational area
Beautiful small town
beauty
beauty
Beauty and clean water along with good agricultural practices.
Beauty and outdoor activities
Beauty for tourism.
Beauty of area and friendliness of residence.

Response Text
Beauty of the Land, pristine.
beauty of where we are -- recreation
beauty without excessive growth and library
better paying jobs
Better roads
Bicycle friendly atmosphere
bicycle stuff and outdoor stuff
Bicycles and hiking
Bicycling (Road and Mountain)
BMC AND BCC
Brevard
Brevard College
Brevard College, Brevard Music Center, Community College, Regional Hospital
Brevard is a lovely town with many opportunities
Brevard Music Center
business
Businesses
businesses
Businesses
businesses
Cannot think of one
Caring communities - respect for the natives and their way of life.
Caring Community Services for the needy, Emergency services
Caring, friendly, thoughtful people
Character
Charm of downtown area.
children
children

Response Text
Children
Children - Education
children - our future; highway 64
children, for future growth and jobs
Children/Schools
children's education
church-based community benevolence
Cindy Platt Boys & Girls Club- Our future learns in that building!
citizens
Civic pride and charming small town character
Clean air & water; personal space
clean air and water
Clean air and water!
clean air, water; our National forests and scenic beauty
clean environment
clean environment
clean environment
Clean environment (includes air, water and land)
Clean environment, forests & small town feel, good quality of life
clean water
Clean water and air
Clean water and air
Clean water and air and beautiful forests.
Clean water and clean air. The beauty here needs to be nurtured and managed to allow for sustainable tourism
Cleanliness in the streets
Climate- but sustaining visitor input

Response Text
College and Music Center; Recreational Assets
combination of educational/recreational/scenic beauty
Community
Community connectedness feel
Community integration.
Community involvement
Community-Schools
Connection to nature/the outdoors. We need to own that!
Conservative political climate
Continued attention to small business control by the people
coon dogs
Country Friendliness - caring
County agencies
County employees
Cultivating/Mandating English speaking mandatory in schools/offices
culture
Culture
Cycling and a community atmosphere
Cycling culture
Cycling, beer and arts culture
dilute population
Don't know
Downtown
Downtown area growth
Downtown Brevard
Downtown Brevard
Downtown Brevard
downtown Brevard, Brevard College, green space
Downtown is limited in size and opportunity-basically all service businesses. So I would say our beautiful surroundings and ability to access them.
drawing tourists and businesses locating here for the quality of life
DuPont and Pisgah
ecological niches and corridors
Ecusta Rail to trails
Education

Response Text
Education
education and environment
Education of children
Education of the children
Education- Students & Teachers
EDUCATION!!!
Education.
Educational system: public K-12, community college, and Brevard College
Elderly Assistance
Employment
Encouraging small business to incorporate here
environment
Environment - natural beauty
environment and small town atmosphere

Response Text
green space, including the national forest
Green space.
Greenspace
Greenspace, parks, rec
Greenway. Paths for bikers walkers and runners
Grow but keep the rural atmosphere
Growth and development to bring jobs to the county
Hard asset? Tax base/jobs, General Asset? Rural environment & density
Health Care System
Healthy environment, Natural resources
Help children realize their potential
Heritage & industry
Heritage, Preservation and Acceptance of all as a whole.
High quality small town environment
Highways and bridges
Historical Preservation
Hometown look and feel connected with the beauty of the outdoors!
hometown people
hospital
hospital/quality healthcare, schools, small businesses, sense of community
human capital
Hwy 64 repaved
I am the seventh generation of my family to live here in Transylvania county and my children are being raised here to....I am all for growth but I don't want Brevard to lose its small town charm.
I can't answer this yet as I haven't had the opportunity to enjoy your asset's yet
I hope it will not grow anymore
I'm not sure
inclusiveness
independence / self determination
independent, responsible spirit of natives
Industry is what we need!
Industry, create more jobs for locals or residents
Infrastructure
Infrastructure

Response Text
Infrastructure: roads. (Why does North Carolina not have any local roads DOT?)
Infrastructure
Intellectual enrichment
It has scenic beauty, but I am not sure what the most important asset is.
It should be good paying jobs
It should be taking care of its' own people.
It small town feeling and quality of life
it stay how it is
Its "native" people
Its amazing natural resources.
It's beauty
It's beauty and recreational opportunities - they go hand in hand
It's Beauty, and the quality of its people...And the Organic farms!
It's Beauty; this must not be destroyed by over building.
its born and breed native people
Its character, history and potential as a destination for visitors
its children
Its children!!!!
Its children.
Its clean water and uncluttered appearance
Its environment.
its fantastic public library
It's forests and parks
its forests, clean water, state/national parks
its forests/state parks and natural beauty
Its green areas and access to them for the greatest number of people.
Its great citizens - I feel safe here
It's hard working, God fearing, independent, self-reliant people
It's heritage and people
Its history...what made it what it is today.
Its identity as a welcoming, functional, and viable place.
Its local born in the county residents who live & try to work in a county catering to retirement and recreation.
It's local people

Response Text
It's native residents
It's natural and cultural beauty (nature & arts)
its natural beauty
its natural beauty
Its natural beauty
It's natural beauty
It's natural beauty
Its natural beauty
Its natural beauty and environment.
Its natural beauty and friendly, small-town atmosphere
Its natural beauty and its friendly, small town atmosphere
Its Natural Environment
Its natural environment
It's natural environment
Its natural resources
Its natural resources and scenic beauty.
It's natural resources- waterfalls, hiking trails, forests
It's natural resources; but at the expense of losing tax base or violating one's property rights
It's natural surroundings
its natural wonders and its small town friendly atmosphere
Its outdoors recreational options.
Its people
Its people
It's people
it's people
Its people and its natural resources.
Its people.
It's people.
Its people.
It's people... Provide jobs to retain young families. We cannot be just a retirement area.
Its people...have jobs to keep young people here
It's quaint character and its beauty
Its residents.
Its rural atmosphere: trees, green vistas, etc.
It's rural, natural state.
its scenic and healthy environment
It's scenic beauty

Response Text
It's scenic landscape and state and national parklands
Its sense of community
Its small community culture, and its young people
It's small town, family friendly atmosphere - and this includes excellent schools.
It's undeveloped, scenic beauty. Green space
Its unique natural beauty
it's water supply
It's water.
Its working class
Its youth!!
Job growth
job growth-high school students have to move away
Jobs
JOBS - Industry
Jobs along with preserving the natural beauty. They shouldn't be mutually exclusive.
jobs for children raised in county
Jobs for younger families so they can afford to stay in the area
Jobs so the youth can stay in this county and find work
Jobs that pay a decent salary
Jobs to be able to support families!
Jobs!
Jobs!!
Jobs, jobs, jobs
jobs, schools
keep it a small town
Keep the alcohol stores out. We have enough drunks
Kids
kids
land

Response Text
land
land
Land
land and natural beauty
Land not over build
Land use
Land use, zoning
Land, in the form of recreationally usable parks, forests, and waterways.
Landscape and close community feel
landscape and recreational amenities
law enforcement
Law Enforcement
let the local people be able to live in the county and stop jump hoops for outsiders
Lifestyle (including downtown, state parks, library)
limit urban sprawl - franchise food especially
limited government
Litter pickup, HOTELS, Hwy. roadsides, medians, bridges, bountiful flowers in downtown, parking, traffic
Local business
local business
local business
Local businesses
Local businesses
Local citizens who CARE about Transylvania County.
Local conservative government
Local Culture
Local families
Local farms and rural areas
Local full time residents and families
local jobs and growth for that
local kids coming along
local oriented events/activities, community togetherness, hometown atmosphere
local people
local people
Local people
Local people. Local families
Local people and families!
Local, blue collar workers.
locals
Locals
Locals

Response Text
Low tax rates
Low taxes
low taxes
main street
Maintain downtown, bike path
maintaining small town feel while also being progressive
Many acres of untouched forest.
more businesses
More industrial sector jobs are needed to support ALL of its citizens.
More interest in the local/native residents.
more jobs
More jobs.
More youthful recreational activities
Most of its residents are self-reliant. Most prefer independence and are willing to work hard. Also, the conservative values that are held here make for good neighbors.
Mountain Biking
Mountain biking
Mountain Biking
Mountains and fresh water
mountains and rivers
Mountains, streams and open space
Multiple recreational opportunities
multi-use of national forest
Multi-Use Public Property
Music
Music Center
Music Center
Music Programs
Nation Forest / Parks
National & state forests & parks
National / State Parks
National and State Forest, Scenic and recreation areas
National and State Forests
national and state parks
National and State Parks. Close to Asheville. Farms. Mountains.
National Forest

Response Text
Nature, followed by diversity
Nature, people, and then families
Nature, scenic beauty
Nature, walking, biking, friendly
Nature, Water
Nature.
Nature...environment....major water she'd and tourist income
Nature/water. No fracking!!
Nature; Forests, Rivers, Etc.
nature's beauty
Needs to be the schools but it's not. Its downtown.
new jobs
Non tourism growth so locals can stay in Brevard
Not the proper role of govt. to decide this.
Offering as many job opportunities as possible to keep local young families here and not moving elsewhere!
Oh my gosh, the beautiful natural resources and environment!
open space
Open space for public use.
Open space, clean air and water
openness to new people and new economic ventures
Opportunity for outdoor activities
Our ability to use the Forest for recreation
Our abundance of water needs better utilized.
Our Children
Our children
Our children
OUR CHILDREN!
Our children! We need to help them thrive, with better school buildings.
Our children. We need much better parks and recreation facilities. We need better support for our school system from county government, and we need jobs that will allow our best and brightest to work here close to their families if they choose to do so. Right now, we have NONE of these things...but hey, we have nice bike trails in the forests...that make it OK, right?
our children
our cultural atmosphere

Response Text
Our drinking water
Our environment
Our environment
our environment and natural resources
Our families
Our forests
Our Forests
Our forests and mountains
Our forests are extremely important to Transylvania County's income.
Our future---the children and our school system!
Our great work force needs to be put to work on good jobs
our heritage
Our heritage
Our most important asset is our local people, our local public servants like our law enforcement and fire fighters that put their lives on the line for our safety. They deserve more support than any other thing in the county.
our mountain environment
Our mtns.
Our National Forest and State Forest, it's a beautiful place to live!
Our National Forest and State Parks
Our National Forests, State Parks, and Rivers
Our natural assets.
Our natural beauty
Our natural beauty of the area, but also our people. Part of what make us who we are is our people who have lived and worked here.
Our natural beauty.
Our natural environment
Our natural habitat
our natural resources
Our natural resources and our proximity to several large interstates and major cities within less than three hours.
Our natural resources.
Our natural resources.
Our natural water system.
our opportunity for growth
Our Parks and Forest Lands.

Response Text
our people
Our people
Our people and more specifically our children
Our people....the most important asset for any organization.
Our Public lands both state and Federal
Our Public School system
Our public school system
Our Public School System
Our public servants i.e... Law Enforcement and Fire Departments
Our roads to be better maintained, Business/industry not for tourist but for local people
Our school system
Our schools
Our schools
Our schools and our water!
Our schools.
our small town atmosphere that produces a safe environment in which to raise families
Our small town charm
our streets and roads need attention
our supports to the needy
Our undeveloped land
Our Workforce
Our young people
Our young people
Our Youth
Our Youth
Our Youth.
outdoor activities i.e.: hiking, biking, waterfalls
outdoor recreation
outdoor and recreational activities
Outdoor beauty
Outdoor beauty and recreational opportunities (like DuPont Forest)
Outdoor beauty, strong school system
Outdoor emphasis. Parks and green space. Environmental education.
outdoor environment
Outdoor Experience and Natural Beauty
Outdoor Industry/Breweries
Outdoor lifestyle
Outdoor living

Response Text
Staying not only a "small town" but an affordable one for those who have grown up here and have generations of family. NOT just for those who have money and work out of this county but choose to live in the county.
stewardship to our environment
streams and forests
Streams and rivers; musical talent
strong business and strong manufacturing base
STRONG LINK TO OUR LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES
summer camps
Sustainable recreation in the surrounding public lands
That locals/natives are able to continue living here for generations
The hospital
The appeal to youth for continued growth. The aging population is not capable of having children.
The Area and surrounding area(s)
The Arts & the National Forests
the arts and education
The atmosphere and relative affordability of living in accordance with the job opportunities here.
The balance between growth and maintaining its beauty
The beauty
the beauty of the environment
The beauty of this area and the importance of keeping it.
The Brevard Music Center
The career and job opportunities.
The children of the county
The children of Transylvania County
The citizens
The citizens that work and live here.
The close knit community and friendliness of its people.
The commitment of its residents to a meaningful, pleasant life.
the county being for locals not just tourists
The Courthouse/Town Square
THE DRAW TO LIVE HERE
the environment
the environment

Response Text
The environment
the environment
The environment
the environment including water
The environment- Natl. Forests
The environment. We need growth, but the beautiful environment is the "golden goose" that brings people here in the first place.
the ethos of the area
The fact the forest is set aside.
The families that have lived here for generations.
the forest
The forest
the forest
The forest
The forest & water quality
The forest and camping spots.
The forest and its waterways
the forest and natural resources
The forest and outdoor recreation opportunities
The forest and rivers
The Forest and schools
The forest land & preserving the small town feel.
The forest not letting bikes destroy our trails
The forest.
The Forest/Clean water
The forests
The forests and streams
The forests streams and waterfalls
The forests!
The Forests!
The Forests, Water and Recreation
the forests/waterfalls
The forests/waterfalls
The Forrest and parks. That's why people come here.
The friendliness of the people and quality of life.

Response Text
The future of the children that live here
The future, our children
The great outdoors
The Great Outdoors!
The great outdoors!
The identities of the various communities.
the land
The land
The land and the locals
The large amount of places to worship
The local citizens.
The LOCAL economy
The local families
the local people
The local people born and raised here!
The local picnic areas such as Sycamore flats
The middle class
The mountain environment--clean air, unsurpassed beauty
The mountains
The mountains
The National and State Forests and Water quality
The National and State parks, and our waterways.
the national forest
The National Forest and parks and rec
The National Forest and State Parks.
The National Forest/State Parks, the scenery!
The National Forests and the Small town feel
The natural and social environment
The natural beauty all around.
The natural beauty and respectful appreciation of it.
The natural beauty in our community
The natural beauty of the area and the friendly small town atmosphere
The natural beauty of the area, also the music center
The natural beauty of the scenery
The natural beauty.
The natural beauty.
the natural environment
The natural environment

Response Text
Tourism attraction
Tourism opportunities
tourism, maintaining natural beauty
Tourist attractions
Tourist Attractions: Forests, Parkway, Water Falls, Music Center, etc.
Tourists
Tourists , recreation
towns beauty, unique white squirrels, cleanliness
Traffic safety for cyclists and pedestrians
trails and scenic beauty
Transportation for elderly in upper Transylvania
Transylvania County Schools
Trees
Trees and forest.
Trees!
Trees, water, soil, air. The basics.
Un sure
Uncomplicated living
Undisturbed natural places - separate from Pisgah, DuPont, Gorges, Panther town
Unique cultural opportunities amid natural scenic beauty
Uniqueness
Uniqueness
un-polluted not overbuilt, non-urban
Unspoiled environment
Unspoiled mountain views
Unspoiled natural beauty
Untouched forests and wilderness
Uptown

Response Text
Utilizing this beautiful place and creating amenities like walking and biking trails for free public access, as well creating more family-centered activities and spaces that would be appealing for businesses to move here and invest in our community. For example, a YMCA would provide so many opportunities for everyone in our community including those families and children typically excluded from such organizations which promote healthy lifestyles due to living in poverty. Brevard needs to stop catering to an elite community of transplants and start building a place where native folks can have some quality of life as well!
Utmost care regarding the rate and TYPE of growth. Why can't we MAINTAIN, ENHANCE or REFINE growth? Why can't we be the progressive county that is known for sustainable practices and alternative energy? It could be a magnet.
Vegetation
Vibrancy of Brevard and recreational activities
vibrant and unique downtown
Views and outdoor activities
Visual quality
water
water & air quality
Water & Native People
Water & Native People
Water / environment
Water and Forest
Water and Land as BOTH natural resources (for business) and sources of beauty

Response Text
water quality
Water quality
Water Quality
water quality and the natural environment
Water quality.
Water and access to it.
water, environment
Water, Forest & Local People
Water/family
water/land
water/water treatment
waterfalls
Waterfalls & Rivers
Waterfalls/forests, etc. and street fairs
We have to allow larger businesses into our community
We need to conserve and protect land from development
weed
Welcoming atmosphere
well-being of its citizens
Well-paying jobs to keep our youth at home, instead of moving out of county or state.
What's left of a scenic downtown area of Brevard
Where children learn and play
white squirrels & national/state parks & forests
Wild life, rivers, and waterfalls
wild nature
Wilderness
Wilderness areas and architectural preservation of downtown. Also, working creatively with corporate citizens like Oskar Blues.
Wildlife. Small businesses
Without a doubt, our environment!
Without more dynamic
work
work
would love for it to be our small town feel



Response Text
Year round residents who sustain the infrastructure and provide the jobs/workforce
You have zero assets unless it's the fast food joints.
Young families
Young families
Young families
Young families with children
Young People
Young people staying and starting families
Younger Generation....Many "kids" move away after graduation due to the lack of opportunities found in the county. This is from jobs to affordability of housing.
youth
youth
Youth
Youth having a reason, good paying jobs, to stay here.
youth is most important so that the county have a future
Youth of tomorrow
Youth!!!

10 Minutes for 10 Years of Growth

**Q11. Thinking about the next 10 years, what would you like to see in the County that is not here now?
Please list:**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1.	99.9%	1770
2.	77.2%	1367
	answered question	1771
	skipped question	342

Response Text
"Green" manufacturers
"rail trail" where the rails are now
"urban" renewal of Brevard
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????
+ - 20 businesses to employ local residents/graduates
1 high school
10,000 more people living full time
1-2 major industries
2 Lane 64 Hwy.
24 x 7 self-serve recycling center
4 wheeling paths in the woods
40-60 small to medium size manufactures with 20-75 employees
6' Bike Lanes on "Pike Popular" Roads
64 by pass of Brevard
A ban on riding your bicycle in the road.
A better local history museum
A better traffic system.
a big box store on Route 64 (Sam's, Costco)
A bigger and better movie theater
A bigger focus on organic agriculture to keep our land free of pesticides, GMO's, etc.
A bigger movie theater
A bike lane on the roads
A bike path on the train tracks
A bike path on Wilson road.
a bike path to Hendersonville (Ecusta Trail)
A bike/hike route from the fish hatchery to town
A Branch of the Bank of America

Response Text
a building where volunteer organizations could have free or low cost office space
A business like Fun Depot in Asheville for our children and families to use
A business park on the old Ecusta site.
a business where Ecusta was
a bypass through Brevard
a by-pass
A bypass around Brevard
A bypass around Brevard.
A by-pass or way to go back and forth through Brevard easier.
a bypass to decrease local traffic
a bypass to keep non-local traffic out of downtown Brevard
a clean industry to provide jobs to decrease unemployment
A clean manufacturing base
A Clean Up Litter Program
A commerce park - not retail but light manufacturing
A community pool of the scale that was planned between the Hospital and the YMCA, but couldn't sustain the funding.
A community recreational park with pool, picnic sheds, and more much. I love the one they have in Waynesville
A comprehensive approach to growth, not just scattered organizations
A conference center and hotel
A county bike park, legal jumps and skills area
A County owned and operated Fitness Center with Community Indoor/Outdoor Swimming Pool
A county training facility for Fire EMS and Police
a county wide bike route

Response Text
A craft supply store.
a decent hospital not owned by mission hospital
A Democratic majority at all levels; we need progress!
A demographic shift towards the younger end.
a developed long term plan
A distillery
A diversified locally-based economy based on food systems, renewable energy/energy efficiency, arts and tourism, and light clean manufacturing that provides sufficient living wage jobs while protecting our natural resources
A dog park and increase in bike/walking trails
A dog park.
A DuPont/Ecusta type workplace that does not involve the production of alcohol
a family restaurant or diner
a family restaurant, with a variety of things on their menu
A family style cafeteria.
A festival ground
A firmer light industry base
A focus on education
a forward looking attitude
A Fresh Market
A fun park for tourist kids that has to do with outdoors.
A golf course that replaces Glen Cannon
a good Italian restaurant
a good mom and pop Italian restaurant
A good multi-level continuing care facility
A good quality dog park

Response Text
a good restaurant
A Good Seminary
A great blue plate restaurant
A great public dog park with water access.
A greater degree of inclusivity - especially across economic class.
A greater variety of shopping centers
a higher high school graduation rate
a high-tech business employing 100
a hospital that is capable of caring for the community, including women and children
A large cycling industry. Manufactures, retail, service and competitions
A large employer with middle class salaries
A large factory or company that brings substantial jobs.
A large manufacturing base
A large stable employer
A little more slow down in development
A living wage
A Mecca for Business (light industry)
A mecca for clean, sustainable industries and retailers.
A mixed use complex at Davidson River Village to include lodging, apartments, retail and restaurants
A more diverse population (age related)
A more diversified progressive parks and recreation area for families
A more flexible home for our Senior Center (need more room)
a more successful Brevard College
a more welcoming environment for non-white people from more diverse backgrounds
A new bypass around Brevard.
a new movie theater
a nice restaurant
A nightclub
a no kill shelter
A paved bike path from Brevard to Hendersonville
A pedestrian/ cycling bridge across the Davidson River at the intersection of 64 and 276
A performing arts venue that is suitable for dance

Response Text
a permanent structure for the farmers' market
A place at the hospital for women to have babies.
A place for kids that they can always play at and accelerate in the way they want maybe a YMCA type place.
A place to hold conferences and other events.
a place to hold meetings and events
a place to park tour buses behind RBC Centura bank
A place when our youth can go and have fun (A Teen Club)
A plan for shared use of forests, roads, etc. - not just bikes
a Plant or new industry
A proactive government
A public golf course
A public golf course
A public outdoor shooting range
A quality hospital
a rail to trail bike and walking path to Hendersonville
A real industry/factory/job base that brings money (500+ employees)
A REAL Walmart or Target Supercenter in Brevard
A really nice bike park
a recognized chain, varied menu restaurant
A restaurant that serves American food that is not priced high and is not downtown (keep people from going to Hendersonville or Arden every weekend)
A return to older ways, away from the "all about the money" attitude
A river walking trail French Broad
A shift away from reliance on tourism and retirees
A shoe repair shop!
A shopping center
A Shopping Center where Ecusta Was including stores and restaurants. Possibly a movie theater. Maybe a small Biltmore Park
A sit down restaurant such as a Ruby Tuesday's or something
A Skate park
a solid Christian school

Response Text
a space for community theatre at no or low cost
A sports complex
a standard cafeteria
A Starbucks store:)
A stronger focus on cultivating opportunities for the lower class that aren't just minimum wage job that give them no skillsets to build on.
A supervised but cool place for the teenagers to hang out after school and on weekends.
A teen center. A center that is opened for teens to come, have an adult there to support them, and to have good, clean fun.
A thriving work force and not just dead end jobs like fast food restaurants for example.
A tourist-railroad from Brevard to Hendersonville
a true "neat" coffee shop
a TRUE comprehensive plan for growth
A truly bike friendly community. The "biking capital of the south" must be friendly to bike commuters as well! Bike/pedestrian friendly communities reduce traffic congestion while promoting personal and environmental health at the same time.
a unified vision for the county
A useable airport for tourists
A valid internet provider. Destroy Comporium please.
a variety of small industries that create environmentally friendly jobs for line workers, supervisors, and management
A vibrant business park or industrial park - like most counties have
A walking only block (or two) - like Church St in Burlington or the ones in Denver and Boulder
A Walmart Supercenter
a wholesome restaurant that doesn't cost a fortune
a YMCA
a YMCA or expansion and improvement of the Parks and Rec. Dept.
a YMCA or some type of facility that has a pool and is affordable for families
a YMCA with a pool

Response Text
a YMCA with an indoor swimming pool
A YMCA!!!!
Absence of "Vaporize" Stores
Acceptance of necessary change
access to a variety of phone, cable, and internet providers other than Comporium
Access to high-quality K-12 education
access to medical specialist
activities for all aged kids - Not just sporting activities
Activities for children
Activities for kids to do
Activities for locals
activities for people in their 30's
Activity sites for teens and young adults
add some solar lighted sidewalks for the music center to town route
Additional affordable housing for service workers.
additional affordable or free afterschool care facilities like Rise and Shine and the Boy's and Girl's Club
Additional employment opportunities
additional employment opportunities for young people
Additional hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts
Additional infrastructure for industrial expansion
Additional walking trails
Adequate affordable housing
adequate number of well-paying jobs to support families
adequate revenue to afford needed changes
adopt a pro-business atmosphere -
Advance in entertainment
advanced school lunches
affordable housing
Affordable (not cheap) housing
Affordable and quality housing
Affordable Aquatic Center
affordable broadband internet access
Affordable chain restaurants (not fast food)
Affordable decent housing for young families
Affordable family restaurants
affordable housing
Affordable housing

Response Text
affordable housing
Affordable housing and good jobs
Affordable housing for ALL.
Affordable housing for everyone who wishes to live here.
affordable housing for lower income people
Affordable housing for middle class
Affordable housing for middle class
Affordable housing for other people than seniors
affordable housing for teachers
Affordable housing for teachers, firefighters, and such!
Affordable Housing for Teachers, Medical Personnel, etc.
affordable housing for teachers, police, etc
affordable housing for those who work in the area
Affordable housing for Working class & working poor in particular)
affordable housing for working people
Affordable housing for young families
affordable housing for young families
affordable housing for young families
Affordable housing options
affordable housing so workers can LIVE here
AFFORDABLE HOUSING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Response Text
Affordable housing.
Affordable housing/decent housing
affordable housing/green housing
affordable living
AFFORDABLE physical activity facilities, (e.g. YMCA)
Affordable public transportation to Asheville
Affordable public transportation to A'ville and Hend'ville
affordable steakhouse
affordable workforce housing
affordable, comprehensive transportation system
affordable, smaller housing areas like Deer Track
affordable housing
Affordable homes for young adults and families
Affordable rental apartments, similar to Ashville
Aldi
Aldi
Aldi Grocery Store
A lot of jobs for the locals and Entertainment for locals
Alternate transportation for non-drivers (buses, taxi services)
alternative electricity generation facilities
Alternative high speed Internet options
Amtrak service
amusement park
Amusement/entertainment for children
An aggressiveness to preserve more land in conservation easements.
An airport that the commissioners will support so we can produce some level of commerce in here and get things moving.
An all-around restaurant. ex. Applebee's
An alternative high school for career preparation. We called it a Career Academy where I grew up. Juniors and Seniors spent time gaining a tangible skill along with their diploma.
an animal shelter manager with an open mind and willing to listen
an Applebee's restaurant

Response Text
an aquatics center that supports rehabilitation, family swim time, swim team needs and is open year round
An assisted living facility in addition to College Walk
an economy that is not so heavily weighted towards tourism
An even more vibrant downtown although it is wonderful as it is
An event center for Western North Carolina.
an implemented, viable economic development plan
An increased manufacturing base offering decent wages to Transylvania natives.
An Indian restaurant
An indoor play place
an industry that could supply decent wages
An industry to replace Ecusta. Jobs for young families
An influx of light industry paying above average wages
An outdoor shooting range.
an updated water and water treatment facility
An upscale RV park. Overnight to 2 month stays.
another Italian restaurant
Another Cable/Internet Provider other than Comporium
another couple of mid-sized businesses
Another high school possibly
another theater
any kind of frozen yogurt places
anything that does not increase budget
apartments that are not section 8
Appropriate industry
aquaponics- sustainable agriculture
around Brevard
art zone
Arts & crafts-related businesses
ASSIST in cleaning up chemical sites to build business!
At least 2-4 more large employers paying living wage, public transport or bike lanes, affordable multi-unit housing
At least one good employer to provide a variety of jobs
attention to environmental issues

Response Text
attracting companies to relocate here through tax incentives
auto industry
Automotive Industry
baking club
balance of good paying jobs
Bar that serves fried chicken instead of alcohol
Basically anything that will result in jobs with livable salaries for people
Better paying jobs
better high paying jobs
Better access to waterfalls and hiking trails - parking is a big problem during these busy weekends
Better and More Affordable Housing
better big stores so we don't have to go out of town to shop
better bike lanes on roadways
better business opportunities for locals
Better cell and internet service
better community centers in the low income communities
Better connective paths and walkable areas
better control of bicycling situation
Better education
Better education and encouragement for youth.
Better education system
Better educational opportunities
Better Education-Better economy
Better employment opportunities for locals
Better employment possibilities
Better enforced law enforcement. Drugs are a big problem here.
Better Family style Restaurants
Better food
better food quality at reasonable prices available to more people
better food scene (it is improving)
Better funding for schools
better health care
better health care access for rural residents
better health care in the mountain regions
Better health facilities.
Better Hotels
Better humane laws.

Response Text
better income
Better Industry
Better infrastructure
Better infrastructure
better infrastructure
Better infrastructure
better infrastructure for water, community services
Better infrastructure to support high volumes of traffic
better infrastructure/ utilities/ water plant etc.
Better inter-community transportation
better Internet
Better internet
Better internet
better internet access
Better internet and communications!!
Better internet and communications!!
better internet options
better internet service
better internet service throughout the county
Better Internet service, hope less than 10 years
Better Job opportunities
Better job opportunities for natives
Better job opportunities for residents
Better job opportunities
better jobs
better jobs for our children
Better jobs for the people of the county
better jobs for younger people
Better jobs/higher paying
Better land use enforcement & zoning
better local shopping
better low price housing opportunities
better maintenance of National Forest trails
Better mental health resources
Better mental health services
Better movie theater
better movie theater
better newspaper
better opportunities for children to stay here

Response Text
bike lanes
Bike lanes - a true cyclist friendly environment
Bike Lanes :)
bike lanes added on 276 and Wilson road
bike lanes added whenever roads are repaved
Bike lanes all through the county! Bike safety will promote more green transportation for more people.
bike lanes along major thoroughfares-a much more prudent use of money than the Ecusta trail
bike lanes along roads
Bike lanes along the major highways (safety issue)
Bike lanes along the roads.
Bike lanes and bike paths that connect Brevard and the rest of the county to keep cyclists and motorists safe
Bike lanes and Ecusta Trail.
bike lanes and more bike paths
bike lanes and safe connectivity
bike lanes and sidewalks because that's who we are and what we represent
Bike lanes everywhere
Bike lanes for commonly used cyclist activities; recreational or competitively used
Bike lanes for everyone's safety and sanity.
bike lanes for getting around Brevard/Pisgah Forest
Bike lanes in acceptable areas
bike lanes on all major traffic roads
Bike lanes on all roads.
Bike lanes on all roads. Including 64 and 280.
Bike lanes on all the roads
bike lanes on certain roads
Bike lanes on every single road and more sidewalk connectivity
bike lanes on major roads
Bike lanes on roads
bike lanes on roads and bike paths
Bike lanes on roads in town.

Response Text
Bike Lanes on roads rather than as a path.
Bike lanes on the highways
Bike lanes on the major roads
Bike lanes on the roads
Bike lanes on the roads!!!!
Bike lanes!
Bike Lanes!!!!!!!!
bike lanes, paths
Bike lanes.
Bike lanes.
Bike lanes.
bike lanes/ shoulders on the roads
Bike lanes/improved roads
Bike lines on major roads that get a lot of bike traffic
bike path additions
Bike path AND bike lanes
Bike Path extension / Ecusta trail
bike path from Hendersonville to Pisgah Forest
bike path linking Brevard and Hendersonville
Bike path linking us to both Hendersonville AND Greenville's Swamp Rabbit
bike path on all roads and improved sidewalks (already improved sidewalks in most areas)
bike path on at least one side of most roads
Bike path on Ecusta rail line.
Bike path on railway to Hendersonville
Bike path on roads
Bike Path on Wilson Rd. and 276 from Gov. Grants
Bike path through the college to the Music Center
bike path to Hendersonville
Bike Paths
Bike paths (routes to Asheville, Hendersonville and around the county)
bike paths / lanes
bike paths along paved roads

Response Text
Bike paths for the bike enthusiasts so I don't have to risk injuring myself or others on the highways
bike paths off the roads
bike paths on major roads for the bikers
Bike paths on roads/ downtown parking
bike paths through town
Bike paths! I don't want to see someone hurt!
Bike paths!!!!
Bike paths!!!!
bike paths, trails and lanes EVERYWHERE
bike paths/greenways
bike paths to keep them off our dangerous curvy roads
Bike racks in town
Bike right of ways along 276, and 64
Bike share
Bike trail
Bike trail
Bike Trail extension to Henderson County (Ecusta Trail)
bike trail on old railroad
Bike trail on old railroad right of way
Bike trail that goes to Hendersonville.
Bike trail to DuPont
Bike trail to Hendersonville
BIKE TRAIL TO HENDERSONVILLE
Bike trail to Hendersonville
bike trail using old railroad
Bike trails
bike trails
bike trails away from roads
bike trails on Hwy 276
Bike Trails or wellness center such as YMCA
Bike trails/ paths
bike/exercise paths
Bike/pedestrian paths isolated from cars.
Bike/walking paths in town and the Ecusta Rails-to-Trails
Bike/walking paths in town and the Ecusta Rails-to-Trails
bikes on paths instead of the road
bikeways
Bikeways
biking lanes/Ecusta trail

Response Text
Biking trails throughout county
Biking/Walking Trail, i.e. Ecusta Trail
Birthing Center
birthing center
Birthing center at TRH
Birthing center back
Birthing center back
Biscuitville
Blue collar jobs that pay enough to live in Transylvania county
Branded as an outdoor Mecca, enjoyed but preserved
Brevard - Hendersonville Rail to Trail
Brevard bypass
Brevard to Hendersonville bike trail
Bring back a full service type hospital
bring businesses that support our present identity
Bring in industry
Broad band technology
Broadband High-Speed Internet
broadband internet
broadband internet, public transportation system
Broadband provided by anyone other than Comporium or Morris.
Broadband services greater than 25/3 Megabits throughout the county and competitive (more than one) providers.
Broader spectrum of low-cost education opportunities for seniors
Build on the Ecusta site!
Build the Ecusta trail. This will be a huge addition to our area.
Building of a low impact business community (e.g. something like health care, computers)
bus connection to Asheville
bus system or bike share program
Bus transport to Asheville/Hendersonville
business
business
Business
Business development that fits well with my previous statement.
business development that is not directed toward tourism
Business expansion into Pisgah forest. Another micro downtown would be awesome.

Response Text
Business focusing on families and children.
Business friendly attitude from city/county government
Business growth, family things
business opportunities
Business Park - Ecusta property
Business seating accessibility to rivers
business that brings in families
Business that caters to locals
Business that offers jobs
Business/ employment opportunities
business/industry
Businesses
businesses
Businesses
Businesses and activities generated to a younger population
Businesses in progressive industries that offer long term growth opportunities for employees
Businesses put where Ecusta was.
Businesses that bring jobs for local people
businesses that pay well
businesses that would allow people to live where they work
Businesses that would sustain young families
business-restaurants
By pass for thru traffic
bypass
bypass around Brevard
by-pass around Brevard
Bypass around Brevard
bypass around Brevard
by-pass around downtown Brevard
bypass around town
Bypass so I could avoid town
Career opportunities,, jobs for residents
Can't think of anything else
can't think of anything I need that isn't already here
Car dealer
Car free downtown
career opportunities
careers for locals
Careers for young people, which is more than living wage jobs

Response Text
Cashiers and similar communities to grow
Casual dining like Cheddars and Ruby Tuesday.
casual dining restaurant chain
Casual Dining, i.e. Cheddars, Ruby Tuesday
casual eateries, not fast food
Cell coverage
Cell phone and broadband service throughout the county
Cell phone coverage in our more rural areas.
cell phone coverage throughout the county, bike lanes not bike and walk paths
cell phone service
cell phone service
Cell phone service that works consistently.
Cell tower in Cedar Mt area
cell towers in rural communities
cell towers, multiple carriers, that reach more than just the towns
changing Broad St. to one way
changing Caldwell St. to one way
charging station for electric cars
cheaper housing
Chick-Fil-A
Chick-Fil-A- More Retail
Child Care....Child care for school aged children is difficult to find. The after school care offered by TCS is too expensive for many since they have increased prices. The Boys and Girls Club has limited enrollment. This causes dilemmas for parents in regards to ensuring their family is taken care of.
childcare
Children's splash pad
City Council that embraces correct growth
city greenspaces with walking trails

Response Text
Civic Center
Clean and/or light manufacturing businesses or tech businesses that attract workers
Clean city
clean industries to give better paying jobs to the working class
Clean industry
clean industry
Clean industry
CLEAN industry bringing jobs.
Clean industry- call center, etc.
Clean industry for jobs - not fast food
Clean industry that brings jobs and young people.
Clean industry that pays a living wage (at least).
Clean industry with jobs that pay a living wage
Clean Industry. Well-paying jobs to retain younger population.
Clean Manufacturing
clean sustainable industry
clean, high tech companies that would bring young families with expendable income to the area
Combine BHS and RHS into one with state of the art stadium
Combined high schools
combined high schools
combined schools
Community
Community Center in Black area
Community center open
community minded industry like Oscar blues
Community splash pad for kids.
Compact growth planning - avoiding a haphazard business strip developing.
Companies offering higher paying jobs (light Industry)
company or plant to bring money back into the community closing Ecusta and DuPont done us in
Competent, balanced, well thought-out leadership.
Competing hospital
Competitive job market that lures young families to live here.
Competitive paying employers
Competitive Utilities (Cable, Internet)

Response Text
Completed bike trail connecting downtown to rest of county
Completed Ecusta Trail
completion of Ecusta bike path to Hendersonville
Completion of greenway (to support alternative transportation).
completion of rails to trails
Completion of S.A.L.T (Southern Appalachian Loop Trail)
completion of the bike/walking trail through Brevard
Completion of the Ecusta recreational trail
Comprehensive land use planning
Comprehensive plan
comprehensive plan to address drug and sex offenses
Comprehensive, integrated planning
computer cafe's, repair shops and equipment for computers
Conference center
Conference Center so businesses could meet AND enjoy all of our natural amenities
connect bike path and Bracken Mtn. to Davidson River campground
connected bike path -and longer. Spur to music center
Continue to attract more small diverse businesses
Continue to expand on sidewalks and bike paths to make the cities more walk-able.
Continue to support our schools with funds needed.
continued care for our land
continued emphasis on retirement living
Continued/Expanded access to current areas for mountain biking
continuing care facilities
Continuing Care facility
continuing care facility
Continuing care nursing homes
Control growth and do not let us become the next Maggie Valley tourist trap
Controlled Development
Controlled zoning to maintain quality of life

Response Text
Convenient access to quality food for all residents
Convention center
Coordinated & cooperative economic development program
Costco
Count park (Glen Cannon property would have been ideal!)
county and city cooperation; protecting the water and rights; no sell to corporate companies
county commission does not seem to have a strong vision for the county and is too focused on never raising taxes
County Cooperation with Brevard and Rosman
county facilities being more green
County governance that supports our youth by giving them better funded public schools and exceptionally nice parks and recreational facilities.
County High School Track & Field Facilities... In Rosman
County Owned water treatment facility
County Sewer and Water facilities
county water and sewer system
County water system that tapped sources from within the National Forest, NOT the French Broad River Valley
County wide gas, water and sewage system
County wide theatre program.
County-wide access to internet
County-wide bike/hike system
Countywide bus system
County-wide high speed internet
Countywide planning and implementing zoning regulations
Countywide transportation publicly supported
county-wide water & Sewer district
Countywide Zoning
Covered tennis courts
Cracker Barrel
Create an environment more friendly to job producing businesses
Cultivate an environment that is attractive to creative class entrepreneurs
cycle trails
Cycling and other tourism support

Response Text
cycling paths on the side of roads
dairy queen
Davidson river project completed
Davidson River Village
Davidson river village
Davidson River Village
Davidson River Village Development
Decent housing for people of all income brackets.
Decent jobs with decent income
Decent paying jobs
DECENT WAGES.
Decent, affordable housing and/or wages that can support housing costs.
decrease on the poverty level
Dedicated bike paths to get them off the off the narrow winding roads
Dedication to keeping downtown a small places with continued ties to its historical roots
definitely more bike/walking lanes/paths
Deliberately slow development, well planned
Departments in the government that are built on a genuine desire to help "customers."
Descent steakhouse
destination event center, golf course, Ecusta trail completion
Destination spa businesses to attract more visitors - a good year 'round draw
Develop Glen Cannon Golf Course/Major Hotel on Property
Develop[Ecusta Property for high end recreation destination
Developing a work force in technology to replace emphasis on factory jobs.
Development of Ecusta property for manufacturing
development of Ecusta site
Development of old Ecusta property
Development of the Ecusta trail.
Different stores- more
different bike and walking trails
digital connection with fiber optics
Direct road from Balsam Grove to Brevard
Disk Golf course with an organized league
Diverse restaurants

Response Text
Diversified industry. Not just breweries.
diversity of county commissioners
diversity of small businesses/light industry
dog park
dog park/spay-neuter laws
Dog parks
Don't know
Doughnut shop (Krispy Kreme, local, etc.)
Downtown bypass route
downtown parking in Brevard
Drum circle
Dunkin Donuts
Dunkin donuts
Dynamic, exciting businesses
Earth Fare
easier access to rivers
EASIER TRANSPORTATION AROUND AREA FOR THOSE WHO DON'T DRIVE
Eating establishments other than fast food or Mexican
Eco friendly industries
Economic Development
Economic development along highways (276 / 64)
Economic growth
Economic Growth/ Better Paying & More Quality Work for Families
Economic opportunities for the natives of the area.
Ecotourism
Ecusta Bike hike and bike trail!
Ecusta bike trail
Ecusta bike trail
Ecusta Bike Trail
Ecusta developed and the bicycle trail.
Ecusta hike/hike trail
Ecusta plant property developed into something nice.

Response Text
Ecusta property finished
Ecusta Rail to Trail
Ecusta Rail to Trail
Ecusta rail trail
Ecusta Rails to Trails bike path
Ecusta to be cleaned up.
Ecusta Trail
Ecusta Trail (Rails to Trails)
Ecusta Trail / bike lanes
Ecusta Trail and the growth that would naturally accompany it
Ecusta Trail bike path
Ecusta Trail completion
Ecusta Trail linking Hendersonville and Transylvania Counties
Ecusta Trail on the RR line
Ecusta trail path developed

Response Text
Ecusta Trail to Hendersonville
Ecusta trail to spawn growth and fitness
Ecusta Trail!!!!
ECUSTA TRAIL!!!!
ECUSTA TRAIL!!!!
Ecusta Trail, attractive entry exit corridors, control appearance of
Ecusta Trail/ greenway connectors
Education as a LEADING concern from Preschool through College
Education toward above.
effective of control of commercial sprawl
efforts to attract new employers
either bike lanes along roads or expanded bike paths connecting various parts of the county
Electric Public Transp.
Electric vehicle charging station in town
Elimination of food insecurity
Employer that pays at least living wage that employ's 40-100+ people
Employer that pays at least living wage that employ's 40-100+ people
employment for stable, long term, year-round jobs
employment opportunities
employment opportunities
employment opportunities
Employment Opportunities - Small Industry
Employment opportunities for young families
employment to keep young people in the county
Encourage biking by creating bike lanes on popular routes
Encourage development around and in the town centers and country living outside. Develop the core - go up in air a few floors but not too many.
Encourage more restaurants downtown.
Encourage more small business to relocate here
Encourage white collar businesses to move here.
encourages business
Energy-responsible, architecturally significant "affordable" homes for anybody. Anything that's been built

Response Text
during the past many years have been same-old bad, status-quo stuff (ex: Cottages of Brevard)
enlarge roads to allow safe biking in dangerous areas
Enlightened County Commissioners
Enough businesses to support job growth
enough living wage jobs
Enough tennis courts to support the size of the community
entertainment for children
entrepreneurial think tank
Entry level cycling opportunities, e.g. bike paths that go somewhere.
Environmental friendly business
Environmentally focused businesses (aquaponics, organic clothing manufacturers, etc.)
environmentally friendly public transportation
Ecusta Trail completed
establish awareness that scenic beauty is most important asset, especially among local population
Establishment and backing for Ecusta Trail
Establishment of laws governing 6 shade trees per acre
Ecusta Bike Trail
Ecusta Trail
Ecusta Trail (rails to trails)
Ecusta trails to trail
EV charging stations
eV charging stations
Even more walkability: more sidewalks (wide, not right on the road) and more bike/walking paths
Event/convention center that would bring groups to Brevard.
Events that would draw a younger tourist group
E-verify requirements for businesses and contractors working on public projects
everything I need is here
Excellent breakfast restaurants
Excellent continuing/life care facilities
exercise classes for women
Existing roads expanded to include shoulders to make biking safer
expand hiking, walking and biking trails

Response Text
expand the college and encourage the arts
Expanded bike lanes throughout the county.
expanded bike path
Expanded infrastructure- natural gas, water and sewer lines
expanded infrastructure
expanded walking paths
expansion of current business park and add another
Exploit the fiber ring that is already in place.
Extended scenic hiking biking trail as in Travelers Rest SC
Factories (small) that collectively employ 1500-2000 people and pay \$40,000+ per year.
Factories offering jobs
Factories.
Factory Jobs
fair grounds
Family Activities....More activities for families with children. Many counties have parks with various activities and entertainment opportunities. For example, Falls Park in Greenville, SC.
family buffet restaurants
Family- centered recreation etc. such as rail trail
family friendly restaurants
Family oriented activities
Family oriented recreation
Family oriented restaurants
Family places
Family Restaurants
Family restaurants
Family Restaurants-not fast foods
family stuff
family style restaurant
Family style restaurant (Like J and S).
family style restaurants
farm to school programs
Farm to table (using organics) eateries
Fast food and other businesses. Broad and Caldwell are awful
FAST internet
Faster ingress and egress during school start and let out.
Faster Internet & cell phone service for rural areas

Response Text
Faster internet service countywide
Festival of the French Bread in Brevard
fewer bicyclists
Fewer Breweries
fewer housing developments
fewer people
fewer people in poverty, apparently now 25%
fewer pot holes
Fewer tourists, fewer retirees.
Focus on biking tourism
Focus on bringing industry to Transylvania county that supports the outdoors
Focus on eco/environmental tourism
Focus on the county as a whole and not just one area
Food related businesses.
Foresighted water, sewer, and road planning - not taking the cheap way out of difficult issues.
Forests
Forward Thinking
four season tourist/conference lodges and facilities
free activities for kids
free sports
Free/ low-cost things for locals to enjoy
Fresh fish store
fun things for young people
Fund "Friends of Rosman" Heritage Day
Fund schools at higher level
Funding for all to get higher education
funding for Pisgah trail maintenance
fun park for kids
futures for our youth
GA Airport
General growth. More open to larger business; making it easier for them to come here.
generous bike lanes in town
get more business opportunities
Get rid of bicycles
Get rid of mopeds
Getting more jobs
Go Karts
golf country club
Golf course

Response Text
GOLF COURSE
Golf course to replace Glen Cannon
Golf course, losing Glen Cannon is an embarrassment
GOOD CLEAN INDUSTRY
Good Clothing Store - or enlarge Belk's
Good Craft Store
good employment opportunities
good jobs
Good jobs for blue collar workers
Good jobs.
Good measures for water conservation
good paying jobs
good paying jobs for families to be able to locate here
good paying jobs for locals
Good paying jobs for more people
Good paying non-government jobs
Good paying ones!
Good road for Rt 215 going to the Parkway Why a Boulevard in Brevard we do not need (Politics)
Good sit down affordable restaurant that isn't Mexican
good steak house
grocery store at Lake Toxaway
Retirement community on par with Deerfield and Givens in Ash
Gravity trail similar to the Creeper Trail in Virginia
greater acceptance/tolerance for diversity
greater concern about services for the elderly
Greater diversity of people (races, cultures, religions, life styles -- single, married, gay, straight
Greater diversity of restaurants
Greater emphasis on outdoor sports and events
greater opportunities for young people's employment
Greater sense of community county wide
greater support of school district
greater use of resources

Response Text
Green energy projects - public transportation - wind, solar, electric car charging stations.
Green energy think tank
Green initiatives (bike lanes, etc.)
greenway
Grocery near Balsam Grove/Lake Toxaway
Groundbreaking on the greenway/cycling path where the shut down rail line is.
growing businesses
Growing population and better infrastructure
Growth
Growth
growth at Brevard College
Growth in independent business
growth in small business and manufacturing
Growth in the arts to continue and grow
growth in the number of students in the TC schools
growth in very small businesses
Growth industries that provide jobs with living wages.
Growth of jobs
Handicap Tran. for upper Transylvania
Hardees
Harmony between the county and town administrations
Have our commissioners visited vibrant Swamp Rabbit trail area in Traveler's Rest? Or the Virginia Creeper Trail in Arlington, VA
Headwaters State Forest
Healthier and More Ethnic Restaurant Choices
Help fund the Ecusta trail
Help with children (children services)
Help with school transportation
HIGH END BUISNESS'
high end hotel close to downtown
High end resort on property left vacant by industry closing behind Lowe's
High paying employment
high paying jobs
High Paying jobs
High paying manufacturing jobs
High quality affordable broad band
High quality cell phone & internet

Response Text
access
high quality early education
High quality hotel
High quality public education
High scale Town House Construction complex.
High speed cable internet
high speed fiber optic internet, minimum 25mbps
High speed Internet
high speed internet access readily available everywhere possible
high speed internet connection
High speed internet throughout the county
High speed internet, comparable to every other industrialized nation; Comporium not having a monopoly
High Tech employment
high tech small business
High tech, clean industry
High tech, environmentally non-threatening, employers.
High wage earning jobs.
Higher paying job opportunities
higher paying jobs
Higher Quality of Technology Available - Internet and TV options
Higher skill jobs and accompanying education
higher teacher pay
higher tech industry
Higher wage paying jobs
Highway 215 redone
hike bike trails to Hendersonville
Hi-tech job training, not just basic computer skills (robotics, medical devices, etc.?)
hockey team
Home cooked school lunches
Home Depot
Homestyle restaurant other than fast food

Response Text
Hospital OWNED by Community NOT Mission
Host a major event. Bike race, Motorcycle ride, etc...
HOTELS!
Hotels, resorts, good restaurants.
housing for families (affordable)
Housing for Middle Class
Housing for younger generations
housing that is affordable for the average native of this county
housing you can afford
HWY 64 bypass that takes trucks and other commercial traffic around downtown and residential areas to the east of downtown
I don't know. I haven't lived long enough, yet.
I like it fine the way it is.
I need to think about this one
I was really excited about the Davidson River project.
I would like to see
I would like to see how the county could encourage younger families to move in to the county.
I would like to see more sidewalks
I would like to see the completion of the rails to trails that would lead toward Hendersonville and Etowah.
I would like to see the snobbishness of the locals disappear
I would Like to see, More housing that is affordable for young couples
I would like Transylvania Cty to purchase Glen Cannon Country Club land to be used as natural park area.
I would love to see my children be able to stay here in Transylvania Co. with good paying jobs and affordable housing.
I'd like to see the tea baggers slowly fade off and take their delusional ideas with them.
If infrastructure needs to be improved, do it.
If kids had more things to do around here inside and outside maybe they wouldn't fall into all the drugs around here.
implementation of preserving our resources

Response Text
implementation of the "rails to trails" project
Importance of Art
Improve roads
Improve the road infrastructure
Improve water shed protection
Improved Brevard City parking to serve visitors.
improved cell phone access
Improved economic activity
improved education options
improved infrastructure
improved infrastructure - water, sewers, roads, communications
Improved infrastructure county-wide(water, sewer, gas, internet, roads)
Improved mental health care
Improved middle class
Improved parks and playgrounds
Improved retail shopping
improved school facilities
improved schools, health care, quality of life
Improved walkability and safe bicycling.
improved water plant and infrastructure
improved water/sewage
Improvement in school funding
Improvement of population's health
Improvements in infrastructure (like adding bike paths to main roads.
Incentives for builders to build family priced housing profitably
incentives for light industry
Incentives for people to stay and living in the county & not have to move
incentives for young people to open businesses
Incentives to attract businesses that support tourism
increase business
increase dining options
Increase in "nightlife" because my children aren't in bed at 7pm, why is our city?
Increase in affordable housing
increase in affordable housing for low

Response Text
Jobs for young people
Jobs for young people to make a career that would allow them to raise a family.
jobs for younger people
Jobs in "clean" small industries
Jobs jobs jobs and furthering the infrastructure of the county to ensure that new businesses can move here.
Jobs other than service
Jobs so locals can stay in the county
Jobs so more graduates will want to stay
Jobs such as those in our surrounding counties then everything else will follow
JOBES THAT BRING AND KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE
Jobs that can support a family
Jobs that pay
Jobs that pay a living wage
Jobs that pay a living wage
Jobs that pay a living wage.
Jobs that pay between 35,000-50,000 for sub-managerial positions
Jobs that pay so one can support a family comfortably.
Jobs that pay well (\$60,000 and above) We can't even pay our teachers a decent salary!
Jobs that support a living wage.
JOBES that support families
Jobs that will attract young people or keep them here
jobs that would pay salaries that our children could stay in county, and raise families
Jobs to actually support families
jobs to bring in younger people
Jobs to fit present skills (manufacturing, etc.)
Jobs to keep college grads and non-collegiate here
Jobs to support families...not the \$10.00 hr. ones
jobs with a living wage and benefits available
jobs with decent pay
Jobs with livable wages
Jobs with living wages
Jobs with wages that would support families

Response Text
Jobs, jobs, jobs.
jobs, we are losing our young families
Jobs. More opportunities so our young people can stay in the county.
jobs...not just tourist and retirement service ones
Jobs/ Ecusta Trail/ YMCA/ Publix/ Super Walmart/ Target/ Chain restaurants and businesses
Jobs/Housing
Jobs: Small Biz/Manuf, IT?
Jobs-Industry
Jobs-Manufacturing
K-12 private school
keep alcohol and drugs out
keep it the same
Keep litter picked up
keep railroad
Keep strip mall development to a minimum
Keep the programs that help community and education
KFC
KFC back. Zaxbys gone.
kid stuff
kid-friendly indoor activity
Kids activity- Skating rink, arcade, Outdoor pickle ball courts
land conservation program
Land of the Waterfalls waterpark
Land that is affordable
Land use plan along Crab Creek Road
Land-use restrictions
Large box restaurant
large business employment opportunities
Large businesses to bring in jobs
Large employer
large employer
Large employer with wages over poverty level
Large Industry, i.e. DuPont, Ecusta
large mall
Large Manufacturing.
large mixed-use park near downtown including do park
Large restaurant chain
Larger Chain Restaurants
Larger Emergency Services
Larger famers market
Larger hospital

Response Text
Larger job opportunities
Larger manufacturing concern
larger resident middle-class [NOT upper middle-class]
larger stores/not having to drive to other counties
larger water treatment facility
Laws for bicycles
Laws with teeth that force property owners to keep their property clean and neat!!!
Leadership in the county to plan for the future
Leadership in the horticultural field - good practices for farming
legalization of weed
Legalize cannabis
Less "box stores"
less access for hunting and camping in pristine forest areas
less bikers
Less Bojangles, more parks and family areas
Less breweries
less dependence on tourism
Less drugs.
Less expensive dining options that are not fast food.
less fast food, more fine dining, more eclectic arts
Less focus on the retiree's and more focus on the youth..
Less Government
less government intrusion
less income inequality
Less money in the politicians pocket and more put in the community
Less people trashing my home
less regulation
less regulation
less retirement communities
Less Tourism
less tourism
less traffic
Light industry
Light Industry
light industry
light industry - preferably recreation oriented

Response Text
Light industry that provides employment and reasonable wages
Light industry that would attract young families
Light industry to support families
light industry to support locals
light rail connecting HVL, AVL and Brevard - otherwise, bike paths
light rail to Hendersonville and Asheville
Light signal for left turn lane
Light tech industry
Lighted tennis courts
Like it the way it is.
Limiting cheap looking better zoning: i.e. No metal building, which harm the areas beauty
Livable wage employers
Living Wage
Living wage careers
living wage employment for all
Living Wage for all working Families
living wage for working families
living wage job opportunities in businesses or industries that don't degrade the environment
Living wage jobs
Living Wage Jobs for All
Living wage mandate
Living wage mandated
living wages
living wages for college walk employees
Local business growth
Local public transportation
Local shops open later
Local staying local
Lodging/Resorts that are centered around our nature
logging to help economy and wildlife
Long bike trail.
long john silver
Long John Silvers
Long term jobs that have career wages & benefits so families can afford this area

Response Text
Lots of good jobs that pay well
low cost housing
low cost housing
Low environmental, high quality, high paying jobs.
low impact manufacturing for jobs
Low income, living homes
low-cost housing
Lower Housing Costs
lower priced housing
LOWER PROPERTY TAXES
Lower taxes
lower taxes
lower taxes
lower taxes
Lower taxes
Lower taxes
lower taxes/wiser spending
machine shops
Main Street pedestrian mall
maintain Pisgah
Maintain the RR into Brevard for future.
Maintain Tranquility
Major employers
Major industry
Major Industry or manufacturer and more high paying jobs
Major manufacturing
mall
Mall
Manufacturing
manufacturing - higher paying jobs
Manufacturing facility, could potentially court Farm to Feet in Mount Airy to open another plant to make American made socks
Manufacturing jobs

Response Text
Manufacturing Jobs
Manufacturing jobs that pay a \$40 to \$60 k per year pay.
Manufacturing opportunities
manufacturing plant(s)
manufacturing that relates to recreational activity
Manufacturing that will entice young people to continue to live here-sufficiently i.e. new good jobs.
Many low tech businesses
many many many more ped friendly routes (sidewalks)
Maple Street paved
marked bike lanes
Mass transit - locally and to Asheville
MAST general store
Manufacturing Jobs
Maybe a community garden that would both work as a rehabilitation outlet for people suffering from mental health ailments, and push for food and agricultural independency.
Maybe a small public transit system
maybe get cable up to balsam grove
Maybe more places for our youth
Meaningful employment opportunities for our people
Meaningful penalties for people who allow their dog to be a nuisance.
Medical care for everyone
Medium sized convention center
medium to upscale condos for retired
Medium-sized businesses
Meeting/Event facility
Middle class jobs, industry
middle-class housing
middle-class jobs
mid-level restaurant chains (not fast food - we have enough of those)
mire sidewalks
moderately priced family style restaurant
Moderately priced neighborhood...(like Bedford Place)
Modern Roads
modern, efficient water plant
Modernized infrastructure.
modest county-wide public transportation
Modest size manufacturing

Response Text
More small industry
more high paying jobs.
More "Plant" jobs
More (and free!) parking a block or so off Main Street (see Waynesville for a great parking idea)
more /better employment opportunities
more access to public works -- water, high speed internet, etc.
More active calendar of events
more activities for kids
more activities for children (teens)
More activities for children and teens. There is nothing to do besides camping and hiking.
More activities for kids
more activities for our kids
More activities for teenagers
More activities for teenagers
More activities for teenagers
more activities for teens
More activities for teens
More activities for the youth since they are the future of Transylvania county.
More activities for young adults (keep them here in our county)
More activity in western Transylvania County
more affordable housing
More affordable dining options.
More affordable health and fitness centers.
More affordable house
more affordable housing
More affordable housing (not trailers).
More affordable housing developments

Response Text
More affordable housing for families (teachers, nurses, policemen, etc.)
more affordable housing for middle class families
more affordable housing for middle class families
more affordable housing for seniors and teachers
more affordable housing for teachers
more affordable housing for the working class
More affordable housing for the younger generation that has either graduated from college and just starting to work or is attending college.
More affordable housing. Because of the scenic nature of the area, housing costs are terribly high for the average young family to be able to afford. We need to not just attract young families to visit the area, but to be able to afford to live here and help us be a stronger County.
More affordable housing. Our teachers should be able to live in the same County they teach in.
more affordable local shopping
more AFFORDABLE restaurants
More affordable shopping
More affordable, quality work-force housing
more agriculture
More Agriculture Biz like Gaia
more agriculture, more farms, jobs
More alternatives to choose for free/affordable transportation-- environmentally sound and varying according to topography and need.
More and better dining options, not chain franchises
More and better Jobs
More and better jobs for non-retired people
more and wider loads with more lanes and by passes
More appreciation of natural beauty(water ways) running through town
More art and entertainment centers
more art galleries
more arts
More arts and culture, especially in Brevard. Let it bring in younger,

Response Text
creative people.
more assisted living facilities
More assisted living for elderly, providing all levels of care
More at Silverman for children & adults
More athletic opportunities
More attention in protecting our environment.
More balanced county commissioners board (more new arrivals)
More better paying jobs
More bicycle friendly roads/drivers. Ecusta trail
More bicycle lanes
more bicycle lanes (safer for cars and bicycles)
More bike friendly
More bike friendly ways to get into town. Either by way of an extension of the existing path or by adding suitable bike lanes to the road
More bike lanes
More Bike lanes and sidewalks
More bike lanes on selected roads (and I'm not a cyclist)
more bike lanes to increase safety
More bike lanes. It will only take a very few vehicle/bicycle accidents to put a major dent in this growth industry.
More bike paths
more bike paths - Ecusta Trail
more bike paths - Walmart to town; up to parkway
more bike paths & pedestrian walkways
More bike paths and lanes (along 276 and Wilson Rd)
More bike paths and walking paths
More bike paths in town
More bike paths including along rail line to Hendersonville
more bike paths/connected



Response Text
neighborhoods
More bike paths/lanes
More bike pathways
More bike safe routes in town.
more bike trails
More bike trails and bikes lanes in town, bike path the length of Wilson Rd, maybe along the river.
More bike walk ways
More bike/ walking paths/ trails
more bike/walking paths accessible from downtown
More Bike/walking trails off the roads
More bike-friendly opportunities
More boutique sleeping rooms
More breweries - jobs and culture come with these
MORE BREWERIES AND BREW PUBS
More breweries...help put TC on the map as the place for craft brewing
More business
more business
more business
more business
More business (nit manufacturing specific)
More business and industry
more business and job opportunities
More business opportunities
More business that supports the existing quality of life and provides jobs.
more business zoning that offers water and sewer
more businesses
More businesses
more businesses
More businesses
more businesses (jobs)
more businesses (restaurants, shopping, tourism)
more businesses and job opportunities
More businesses and living wage jobs
more businesses for employment
more businesses for the public
more businesses like Gaia, organic farms, etc.
More businesses like Oscar Blues
More businesses located in Brevard other than gift shops. It would be nice

Response Text
to 'shop' in Brevard rather than have to go out of town to buy something you need.
More businesses on Main Street
More businesses specific to people's needs
more businesses that can employ local people
More businesses to attract more families
More businesses to provide jobs for those that want to live in Brevard
more businesses/jobs
more camping sites
More casual restaurants not fast food
More chain restaurants
More children
More children/family oriented businesses and activities and less alcoholic based businesses.
More city bike trails
more city funded parks /places to play for kids/children/babies (a great location would be in the big field at walking track near hospital behind Pisgah Heights and the retirement apartments)
More classes at local BR Community College campus
More CLEAN industry--not polluters
More CLEAN industry--not polluters
More clothing stores
More Community events (street dances, fairs, etc.)
More community gatherings
More Companies
more condo housing
more conscious effort to protect scenic beauty
More contemporary art and opportunities for serious artists (unlike current art scene)
More creativity in providing affordable housing
More cycling paths or trails
More cycling trails (I am not a cyclist, but believe there is great potential for attracting residents and tourists for this activity
more daycare options
More decent affordable housing

Response Text
more decent paying jobs
more dedicated cycling trails sidewalks, walkability
more destruction of derelict buildings
More developed bike/pedestrian trail
more developed city parks
More dining and retail.
More dining options
More dining, exp. Applebee's, Chili's etc.
more diverse eating establishments
more diverse job market
More diverse job opportunities
More diverse job opportunities for younger people
More diverse, substantial jobs
more diversity in the downtown area
More diversity in the type of business in the area.
More diversity of high end restaurants
more diversity of retail stores
more Doctors
More doctors and bring birthing back to Trans. Hospital
More down town stores
More downtown area sidewalks/walking paths/bike paths
More eat in restaurant options rather than fast food
More economic growth
more economic growth for poverty areas
More economic growth through green industries and outdoor recreation businesses.
More economic prosperity
more educational opportunities for adults
more educational opportunities for young people
More effective economic development-not trying to combine jobs to do this. Need a qualified, creative person
More efficient traffic patterns
more effort to head growth toward west part of co.
More emphasis on clean, green businesses
more emphasis on public education
More employment
More employment

Response Text
More employment
More employment
More employment for the young people starting out.
More employment opportunities
More employment opportunities for young families
More employment opportunities for young people
More enforcement on illegal fishing
More entertaining things, more stuff to do besides going to the shops
more entertainment attractions
More entertainment or places to relax
more entertainment such as theatre
More entertainment venues
more entrepreneurs and small businesses
More ethnic restaurants and more diverse shops down town
More ethnic restaurants.
More ethnic restaurants.
More fair wage jobs - \$15 or higher per hour.
more families w/ young children
More families with younger children
more family activities in parks like Henderson County
more family centered functions
More family owned businesses
More family places like water parks
More family related businesses (restaurants, parks etc.)
More Family restaurants
More family restaurants (that are low in price and don't serve alcohol)
more family restaurants
more family restaurants
More family safe activities
more family style restaurants
More family-oriented businesses and restaurants
More farming
More farms, preservation of farmland and less housing developments

Response Text
More for kids to do, don't take out the Rosman pool
More for local youth to stay out of trouble.
more for young people to do
More friendly to business.
More friendly to walkers in downtown, diverted traffic
more full time childcare options
More full-time jobs with a living wage.
More Funding for Education
More funding for quality education.
more good jobs
More good jobs for young people.
More good paying employment opportunities
More good paying jobs
more good paying jobs
More good paying jobs
more good paying jobs for the young people that want to live here
More good paying jobs, light manufacturing
More good paying manufacturing jobs
More good restaurants
more good-paying job opportunities
More good-paying jobs that can support a family
More good-paying jobs with benefits
more green industry
More growth in jobs
more growth in northern section of county
More growth on the western portion of the county
More handicap accessibility
more harmony between natives and transplants
More health and wellness events
more health care support & options for the elderly
More higher paying jobs
more high-tech businesses- requires better internet connections
More hiker/biker paths
More holistic healthcare providers
More hotels.
More housing options--condominiums, apartments
More incentives for smaller industry (10-50 employees)
More inclusiveness

Response Text
More independent business
more indoor activities for children that are affordable
More indoor activities for youth
More indoor recreational opportunities for the winter months and rainy days
More indoor recreations for youth
More industrial jobs
more industries
more industries
More industries and businesses
more industry
More industry and/or professional job opportunities
more industry for our young and middle aged residents; more jobs
More Industry that would attract families
More industry to bring in young families.
More industry with jobs
More industry, we need quality jobs!!
More industry. The days of Ecusta and DuPont may be gone, but we need good paying jobs for the middle class.
More industry/jobs - it can be done

Response Text
with small industries
more industry/manufacturing
More internet options
More job creation
more job opportunities
More job opportunities for educated, young adults.
More job opportunities for working age people.
More job opportunities to draw young families
more job opportunities with good pay and benefits
More job opportunities/industry
More job opportunity
More Job opportunity
more job opportunity for the young
More job opportunity for young families so they do not have to move out of the area upon graduation.
more job opportunities
more jobs

Response Text
More jobs
More Jobs & Small Businesses
More jobs (living wage)
More jobs and opportunities for living wages for more people
more jobs for families
More jobs for local youth
more jobs for locals
More jobs for locals not catering to tourists!!
More jobs for locals.
More jobs for our local people. Middle aged people are having to move away to be able to find work.
More jobs for our young folks so they can choose to stay here and not move to a larger city
MORE JOBS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE - JOBS THAT SUPPORT YEAR ROUND LIVING

Response Text
More jobs for the locals ones that can support their families with
more jobs for unskilled
More jobs for working class people
more jobs for young adults
More jobs for young families
More jobs for young people
more jobs for young people growing up here who want to live here and make a living wage
More jobs in county
More jobs in order to give families the living income that they need to be able to stay in this area and raise future families.
more jobs in something besides restaurants and retail
More jobs in the "outdoor and tourism" industry
More jobs in the county to encourage the younger generation to want to stay in the county. Something besides restaurants and rest homes.
more jobs other than at fast food places.
more jobs other than minimum wage ones
more jobs paying a living wage
more jobs so that families can stay here and come here
more jobs that ain't working at a restaurant or gas station
More jobs that aren't fast food, tourism or alcohol based
more jobs that pay a living wage
More jobs that pay a living wage.
More jobs that provide a living wage
more jobs through clean commercial growth
More jobs to help young locals stay here to raise families that will be more than minimum wage.
more jobs to keep young people in the community
More jobs! More professional jobs that pay a living wage.
more jobs, light industry
More jobs.
More jobs.....factories with large numbers of employees
More jobs/ Industry for County
More kid friendly family oriented

Response Text
activities
more kids in school
More land that is left undeveloped and allowed to be preserved.
More large businesses to offer employment to younger adults
more large retail
More large retail stores
more law
More Law Enforcement patrolling the rural areas instead of just in town.
More law enforcement presence in ALL the county, not just downtown Brevard
more light industry
more light manufacturing
More light manufacturing businesses.
More live music venues.
More Living Wage Jobs
More local concerts
More local industries that provide good jobs and produce quality products you can be proud of
More local owned business, less box store and chains
More local restaurants
More local self-government with responsible leaders.
more local shops
More locally owned unique stores
more locally-based agriculture
more low cost housing for middle class workers like teachers
more low impact manufacturing
more low income housing in Brevard of a decent quality
More Manufacturing
more manufacturing
More manufacturing
more manufacturing businesses
More manufacturing jobs
more manufacturing plants
more math and science at a college level
More medical/physician options
more mentoring programs for young people
more mid income jobs

Response Text
More middle class families
More middle class jobs
more middle class jobs
more middle class, living wage jobs
more middle income housing
More mid-level chain restaurants (Applebee's, Fatz, TGI Fridays)
More mid-size chain restaurants
More mid-sized employers
More money spent on the youth of the community
more money toward educating our children & grandchildren
More money towards education
more multifamily dwellings for young people and others with mid incomes
more music
More music festivals
More National Forest
More native trees, not these Bradford Pears
More natives
More night activities for the community
More of a supported sophisticate arts community that is not tourist based.
More of the correct type of jobs so we can keep our youth saying in the county.
more open access for fishing
More open environment for entrepreneurs
more open support for diverse lifestyles
More opportunities available for young families
More opportunity for youth to obtain higher paying local jobs.
More opportunities for employment
More opportunities for employment for young people.
More opportunities for industry
More opportunities for small businesses
More opportunities for young people
More opportunities for youth (YMCA, swimming pool, etc.)
more opportunity for 20-40 year olds
more opportunities for young people
More optimism
More options and competition in businesses, ESPECIALLY Comporium

Response Text
and Ingles, who have a monopoly in Transylvania County
More options for internet access
More options for purchasing items
More options for shopping (Aldi)
More options for shopping for shoes and clothing
More options in housing: rental communities of smaller homes which could serve mixed income and ages
more ordinances to concentrate and control growth
More organic farms,
More outdoor industry-related companies (think Sylvan Sport, the Hub, Oscar Blue - who attract those outdoor types)
More outdoor recreation businesses
More outdoor recreational opportunities
more outlets for our youth
More outreach to families living in poverty
More paid fire fighter jobs
More parking downtown
More Parking downtown and better condition of lots
More parks and greenways and bike lanes.
More parks for children
More parks with picnic areas and family activities
more participation from locals in community events
More pedestrian walkways
More pedestrian/bike access, sidewalks, boulevards, greenways
More pedestrian/bike trails
More pediatricians
More places (indoor and out) geared toward children.
More places for children and teenagers
more places for outside visitors to stay
More places for the kids to have fun.
More places of employment that pays adequate wages.
more plants
more playgrounds and bike paths
More polite cyclist
more population growth
More professional jobs or jobs offering higher pay

Response Text
More progressive thinking
More public access to all waterfalls with Nature undisturbed as much as possible
more public sports fields/courts
More public transportation availability
More public transportation for elderly/rural/underserved (bus/vans)
more public transportation with better access
more public-friendly arts in a small-town atmosphere
More quality businesses
More quality job opportunities for young couples.
More quality preschool programs
More quality restaurants
more quality restaurants (chef owned, not chains)
more quality restaurants... no fast food
More reasonably priced, good quality restaurants
more recourses for poor/homeless
More recreation. If the Rails to Trails effort could be pushed through that would be so wonderful for so many people
More recreational activities for the youth
More recreational activities, such as public tennis courts, offered by County, City, College
More Resort type hotels
More resources for young families
More restaurants
More restaurants and businesses
More restaurants and businesses.
More restaurants and welcoming feel to our outdoorsy community
more restaurants for dining in
More restaurants not "fast food"
More restaurants other than "fast food"
more restaurants that aren't catered to tourists-country cooking reasonably priced restaurant (mom & pop place to eat)

Response Text
More restaurants that aren't fast food
More restaurants that aren't Mexican restaurants
more restrictions on fracking and water pollution
More Restrictive Zoning
More restaurants
More retail commerce
more retail stores
more retail stores
More retail stores. Use of Ecusta property
More retails...
More retirees and working people who can live anywhere
More robust internet services
More safe and fun things for young adults to do.
more senior activities' centers besides Silvermont
More senior services in the western part of the county
more services for the homeless and working poor
more services for the upper end of the county
More shopping choices
More Shops and nightlife that are geared toward young professionals
More shops that are affordable for locals to shop at versus the tourists.
More sidewalks
More sidewalks and bike lanes
more sidewalks or trails along major roads
More sidewalks, bike lanes
more sidewalks/bike paths
more sidewalks/trails
more sidewalks-walking paths
more sit down restaurants
More sit down to eat type restaurants
More Skill Training
More small - medium businesses creating high paying jobs in a niche markets (software development, customer service, breweries, manufacturing of outdoor equipment)
More small and mid-sized businesses
more small business
more small business
more small business (clean)
More small business jobs

Response Text
More small business/jobs
more small businesses
More small businesses and art venues
More small businesses catering to tourists
more small businesses so young people will stay
More small businesses that support recreation
more small businesses that will employ the youth of our county
more small businesses/restaurants
More small industry
More small manufacturing (bike co., fly rod co., outdoor manuf.
MORE SMALL MANUFACTURING APPROPRIATE TO OUR ENVIRONMENT
more small to mid-size businesses not related to tourism
More small, green businesses
more social services for the poor, disabled and veterans
more sports opportunities
more stores
more stuff for teenagers
More substantial jobs
More successful businesses that lead to more jobs and higher quality of life
More support for businesses west of Brevard
more support for education
more support for job creation
More support for our educational system from commissioners.
More support for small (under 10 employees) businesses
More support for the arts in general besides mountain crafts and folk art.
More support for the public school system.
more support for the small farms, no cost tailgate market
More support for tourism
more support for the arts
more support from county and city for homeless

Response Text
more sustainable industry that plays to our outdoors scene
More Teachers
More Tech Business
More tech businesses
More teen activities offered
more tennis courts
More things for children to do to stay out of trouble.
more things for kids
more things for kids
More things for kids
More things for kids to do. Skating rink, dirt bike/four wheeler track, etc.
more things for locals to be a part of that isn't necessarily geared towards the tourists
more things for teenagers to do or places for teens to hang out
more things for young people to do
More things to do as a family
more things to do, malls, more restaurants
More tourism opportunities
more traffic circles, fewer traffic lights
More trails and trail maintenance
More trails and trail maintenance/reroutes
More trails/paths in the southwestern area of the county
More transportation services, and affordable housing
more transportation to rural areas
More trees
More trees
More truly informed people
More up kept campsites in the beautiful mountains
More upscale restaurants
more upscale shopping and restaurants
More urban bike routes
More value for my tax dollars where I came from I had about the same tax base but got more services.
More variety of restaurants
More vibrant entrepreneurial community
More virtual business
more volunteer sheriff patrols
More walk/ride trails
More walking and biking access to the Forests.

Response Text
More walking trails
More walking/bicycling opportunities, esp. in city
More walking/bike paths
More walkways downtown (BMC to town)
More well-paid jobs
More widespread biking/walking transportation options
More wildlife preservation
More work
More work opportunities for young families
More working class/middle class jobs
more year round jobs
More year round residents
More year-round jobs for residents
More yoga and natural health options.
More young adults
more young families
More young families with children
more young families working and living here
More young families.
More young farmers
More young people
more young people
more young people
More young people and local people
More young people staying here to raise their families.
more young people, jobs that pay a living wage
More young professionals
more young professionals
More young professionals with families
More young residents
More younger people moving in
more younger people with jobs for them
More youth recreation
More youthful recreations
More zoning
More zoning laws
More zoning protection to protect beauty of area
more, better paying jobs, not fast food
More/Better jobs for people-so do not have to go out of the county to find

Response Text
work
More/safer bike paths
Most jobs that pay a sustainable living wage with good benefits
movie theater
Movie theater upgraded or better
Much better internet to attract more businesses that must have it.
much better roads
MUCH higher quality education
Multiple small to mid-sized manufacturing businesses
municipal golf, other public parks & recreation
N/A
N/A
national football team
native plant corridors between public places
Natural pesticides that don't affect bee population
Nature trails
Nature-based play area and/splashpad. Or one similar to warrior state park playground
NC has the largest number of private roads than any place that I have lived. Where is the money going? It certainly isn't being spent on neighborhood roads.
NCDA certified processing facility to handle poultry or livestock
Network of safe cycling routes
new and different recreational facilities
new business
new business at Ecusta site
New business for employment opportunities
New business opportunities for job growth
new business, enviro-responsible
New high school
New High School
New hiking trails
new housing
new industry
new industry
new industry for job creation
New internet service provider. Comporium's monopoly is awful. They are a terrible provider. I would like a choice

Response Text
New Jobs
New leadership that will support industry
New playground at Silvermont
new record facility with indoor pool
New recreational center
New restaurants that we do not have 5 or 6 of already.
new schools
New water system
new water treatment facility
nice sit down family restaurant
Nice sit-down restaurant/steakhouse
Nicer people who do not feel entitled
nicer restaurants
Nicer restaurants like Ruby Tuesday's, Applebee's, Chili's, etc...
Nicer Restaurants, like Olive Garden, we give to many fast food places
Nicer restaurants. (non fast food)
Night clubs
no comment
no compression brakes
No more "big stores" i.e. Lowes type and clothing
No more fast food!!!
No more large manufacturing typos jobs.
No new fast food restaurants. Brevard does not need to be a showcase for them.
no opinion
NO traffic roundabouts. That is a ridiculous idea.
No vacant storefronts downtown and all of them thriving.
No-kill county animal shelter
Non fast-food, reasonably priced Restaurant (Applebee's/Denny's/O'Charlies, etc.)
nonpolluting eco-industry
non-car pathways to connect the county
Non-erupting water lines beneath Country Club Road
Non-fast food chain restaurants-affordable, healthier, dining without a drive-thru
Non-government/wage based apartments
not sure
not sure

Response Text
Not sure
Not sure
Not sure.
Nothing
Nothing -- everything I need is here
Off road bike trails - Old Rail Line
off road motorcycle riding area
Off Road park
Off Road park
Old Ecusta property in use
Olive Garden
olive garden
on road bike lanes
One good Italian restaurant
one good restaurant
one or two additional manufacturing employers, and a birthing center at hospital
One or two family restaurants that are not drive through type. A place like Jasons that had good food at all prices.
One school system for county
one water authority for City of Brevard, Rosman, and Transylvania County
One year round school system with a longer school day
Open minded & visionary political leaders
Opening of the rail lines for public transportation.
Opportunities
Opportunities
Opportunities for people with special needs to socialize and work.
Opportunities for the young people to be able to stay here.
Opportunities for twentysomethings
Opportunities for young families/More affordable housing
opportunities for young professionals opportunities or employment
Opportunities for our young people that will keep them here to raise their families.
Opportunity
ordinances to protect our water

Response Text
prioritizing local residents
organic business growth
organic food co-op
outdoor ice skating rink downtown
Outback / restaurant that stays open past 10
Outback Steakhouse
Outdoor concerts in summer
outdoor gun range
outlet mall
Overall county long-range planning with measurable outcomes
Paid Police Volunteers & a Police Bike Patrol
parking in the city
parking,
Parks
Passing lanes NOT bike trails that are never used. One day someone is going to be injured because of this issue not being addressed.
Paths and Bikeways
Paved bike/jogging path 10+ miles long that does not cross major roads
Paved roads
Pedestrian path that goes from high school to Pisgah Forest
Pedestrian walkways/Bike lanes
people moving in to county
People who escape from another area of the USA and immediately want to change our community into the same type of place from which they escaped.
People who pay for their pet projects with their own money, not mine.
Permanent farmers market/ community center
Pharmacy in Brevard open 24 hours
Pizza hut
Place for children to enjoy
places for teens
places for young children or even young adults
Places to skate
Planning that promotes and protects our natural assets
Planning to draw low-impact and compatible businesses to the county
plant job opportunities
Plant native policy
Plants like Ecusta or Dupont
plants with jobs

Response Text
Please for teens to hang out
Please we already have everything we need.
Policy of enticement financial or other) to industry or businesses IF they bring clean or sustainable practices to us
Positive leadership
preschool for all children
Preservation of natural resources.
Preserve the flood plain from incursions on the periphery
preserve the landscape from over development
Professional local government
professional offices in towns Rosman and Brevard, some manufacturing/industrial and limited mobile homes
promotion as part of greater Asheville
Proper bathrooms at Franklin Park.
proper bicycle lanes
Proper mix of manufacturing, well paid job growth, continued open space and recreational activities
Properly developed natural resource/ tourist areas.
protect our source of drinking water
protection of natural resources
protection of rare species (flora & fauna)
Providing transportation to serve the public.
Public bus transportation to most areas of the county and to Henderson and Buncombe counties.
Public dog park
Public Dog Park in or near downtown Brevard.
Public Golf Course
public indoor swimming pool or YMCA
PUBLIC PARKING FOR DOWNTOWN
Public skate park
public swimming pool, e.g. YMCA
Public transit
Public transport
public transport between Brevard and Asheville
public transportation

Response Text
public transportation
Public Transportation - Bus system
public transportation for all people
Public transportation for those seeking a nightlife
Public transportation in and out of TC
public transportation outside the city limits of Brevard
Public transportation to Asheville, Mills River, Arden...
Public transportation, especially for seniors
Public transportation.
public transportation/shuttle system
public transportation
Publix
Publix
putt-putt golf
quaint uptown
Qualified tax and planning officials
quality childcare
Quality elder care
Quality family dining options
quality family restaurants
quality health care and nursing care choices
Quality retail
Quality shopping
quality stores like Target, Trader Joes
quality, non-polluting relevant businesses
quality, updated parks for outdoor recreation for families (similar to Mills River)
Quiet small town atmosphere.
Racial equality
Rail commuter service
Rail Service
rail to trail
Rail to trail built
rail to trails to Hendersonville
Rail Trail
rail trail to Hendersonville
Rail trail to Hendersonville
Rail trail to Hendersonville.
Railroad passenger service
Rails to Trail (Ecusta Trail)

Response Text
Rails to trail to Hendersonville
rails to trails
Rails to Trails bike path Brevard to Hendersonville
rails to trails bike path to Hendersonville
Rails to Trails Developed to Hendersonville
Rails to trails development
Rails to trails development
Rails to trails for RR tracks to Hendersonville
rails to trails from Brevard to Hendersonville
Rails to Trails is a must
Rails to trails, BVD->Hendersonville
rails to trails Ecusta
Rails-to-trails
Rails-to-Trails completed Brevard to Hendersonville
Road repairs
Real jobs that adequately support families and keep our young people here
real racial integration
real Visitor's Center
Realistic recreational activities for young adults
Really good restaurants
Reasonable family friendly entertainment (not an alcoholic institution)
re-classification of the headwaters of the French Broad River
Recreation facility/indoor pool
Recreation for children
Recreation for children to keep them out of trouble
Recreation for Youth/ Young Families/ Young Adults
Recreation like water park, mini golf, skate park.
recreational opportunities for handicapped adults
recreational opportunities for kids, especially in the Rosman/Balsam Grove/Toxaway areas

Response Text
recreational opps
recreational place(s) for children (k-12)
recruiting o new business
Recycling in all parks & rec
Red Lobster
Red Lobster/Olive Garden
Red Robin Restaurant
Reduction in the education gap between good students and the rest.
Reduction of emphasis on tourism and in particular, bicyclists
Reliable high speed internet
Reliable Widespread Internet Service
remove billboards on 64/276
repair the roads and infrastructure
Research and development
respect for Christian values
restaurant/store chains
Restaurants
restaurants
Restaurants (family based, and dine in)
Restaurants (not fast food)
Restaurants between fast food and higher priced specialties but not more Mexican restaurants
Restaurants outside of downtown Brevard that serve wine or beer.
Restricted bicycle paths to divert bicycle traffic off roadways.
Restriction of roadside development.
restrictions on building on ridge tops
Restrictions on development, land clearing and cell towers
restrictions on what look and feel buildings can have...commercial/fast food etc.
Restaurants & more stores that offer more of the common necessities (clothing, household items)
Retention of our young people
return rail service
river front venues
road biking lanes
Road improvement
Road repairs
road that by-passes downtown Brevard with multiple easy access to Brevard
Roads can be beautified be an architect rather than engineers. The parkway would never be allowed to look like it does with the states standards of ripping open 45 degree sides. Look at

Response Text
Hwy 215... Beautiful and scenic. All roads should be made beautiful.
Roadside Trash education (Fines for littering)
Rosenwald Comm. Center
Rosenwald- Walking 24 acre old tanner area. cleaned up w/ walking and biking path
roundabouts at major intersections
running trails
Safe entertainment areas for children
Safe roads (this has been ignored for years)
Safe roads to accommodate bikes and cars
Safe Sidewalks and trails for hikers & Bikers
safe, efficient, environmentally-friendly public transportation systems (bike paths, bike sharing systems, mini-buses, ride sharing hubs, etc.)
Safer alternatives for kids who want to hang out around town
Safer roads/bypass around Brevard
same
same
Sam's Club/Costco, or similar. Only reason to shop outside the county
School facilities to be proud of
School funding to more appropriate mirror county government funding
School improvement! Our schools are falling apart!
School programs that emphasize the outdoor classroom, funding for students to do more community service based projects and work with real professionals.
school sports
School systems in which adults are accountable to students
Schools that are progressive and challenging
schools to continue to grow and improve
security
See #1.
see above
Services for seniors/living in place
Several new small, clean industries hiring local people
several schools need a new building
several small industries with minimal

Response Text
environmental pollution
shopping
Shopping amenities so I don't have to travel to Asheville
Shopping mall
Shopping Mall
Shopping opportunities for clothing, shoes, dept. store
Shopping opportunities.
Shopping Outlets
sidewalk along roman highway from country club road to SaveMor
Sidewalk on Probart for BMC - Student safety.
Sidewalk on Probart Rd
sidewalk to music center
sidewalk to The Music Center
sidewalks all over the city limits
sidewalks on 64 to SavMor area
Sidewalks/bike trails out to the Music Center
Sidewalks/trails along or near most roads
Significant job opportunities
something for kids to do
Sit down diners
Sit down restaurant for middle class people.
Sit down restaurant like Chilli's
Sit down restaurants
Sit-down family restaurant, reasonably priced, like an Applebee's
skate park
Skate park, better playground and park
Skate Park/Teen Center
skate park
Skate park
Skilled Jobs
Skilled jobs available
slightly larger college population
small business growth
small business parks including manufacturing
small business support
Small business tax relief
small businesses
Small businesses focused on children (children's museum, indoor trampolines, etc.)
small children's museum
Small Industries
small industry that supports cycling,

Response Text
art, sustainable agriculture
Small manufacturers of Outdoor products
small manufacturing
small manufacturing (mountain bikes)
Small manufacturing (preferably 'green')
Small manufacturing companies to support local economy
Small scale entrepreneurial center for technological industries.
Small scale hi-tech business firms and manufacturers
Small, structured, walkable developments throughout the county, not just Brevard.
Smart red lights and walk lights that change sooner when no cars are coming
Smart, walkable development. Not car centric.
So far it has everything we need
Soft industries.
solar farm
solar farm
Some "meat and three" type restaurants like the old Kelly's or Forest Gate Restaurant that we used to have
Some bike lanes!
Some decent paying industries and jobs
Some dirt bike trails in Pisgah. At least 100 miles.
some downtown businesses that are not gift shops
Some form of business which could bring employment to the county.
Some good restaurants - possibly even recognizable chains (not buffets) to come in.
Some growth, but not much... Like the rails to trails for the biking community
SOME INDUSTRY
Some industry brought back in
some industry with housing
some kind of industry instead of breweries
Some kind of industry jobs for people to work in
Some larger manufacturing plant
some light industry
some manufacturing jobs
some of those hi-tech jobs we keep hearing about

Response Text
Some sidewalks, bike paths along all roads & highways-US 64 & 276
Some small affordable townhouses with enclosed courtyards for privacy - not many options in Brevard for that kind of home
some smaller, less expensive housing
some sort of factory
Some sort of plant or industry
Some sort of transportation system
Some type of industry for jobs
Something family friendly/kids entertainment.
Something for children and teenagers to do.
Something for the pole
Something for the teens
Something for young people to do
Something like Biltmore Park, so that people can make and spend money in the same place rather than make money in Transylvania and spend it in Asheville! The county is losing opportunity!
somewhere for the younger generations to hang out
Speed limits enforced
Stability for our younger generation
Stable Jobs that support the community.
State of the art telecommunications
State of the art telecommunications
State of the art, progressive REAL public schools teaching CRITICAL THINKING. Public education FULLY FUNDED.
Steady jobs for people in their 40s and 50s
Steak and Shake & other restaurants
Stop talking about making it easier to do business here and actually make some darn changes!!
Stores
stricter environmental law enforcement
Strong middle class industry
Strong parameters for growth needs and appropriate building that does not exploit land and communities
strong schools
Strong support for industry
Stronger downtown presence, more health foods

Response Text
stronger resources for mobile entrepreneurs, particularly high speed/capacity internet
Stronger Retail
STUFF FOR CHILDREN TO DO
substations all communities for some law enforcement
suitable industrial park
Super Walmart
Super Walmart
Super Walmart
Super Walmart
Super Walmart, youth entertainment (game room/youth center), adult night life (dancing)
support for bicycles and pedestrians-
Support for incoming chain businesses
support for innovative business
support of the school system
Support public education
Support to encourage more locally owned businesses
Support to Latinos
sustainable employment
sustainable factories and industries
Sustainable, environmentally-sensitive industry w decent wages
Sustainable well-paying jobs that are environmentally sounds
Sweet Tomato restaurant
Synergy between BMC and TC
Target
Target and trader joes!
Tax dollars stay here
Tech industry
Tech Jobs
Tech School
Tech/manufacturing jobs
Technology- based business
Technology center for economic development
Technology industry.
Teen activities Facilities
teen centers
Teenage Activities
Teenage activities
teenage center
teen-oriented businesses
Telecommunication improvement in both cellular and internet
temp job agencies

Response Text
term limits for politics
Texas Roadhouse
That's difficult to say. Ten years is a long time in the future.
The ability for our youth to grow up in a stable working family and take a small piece of our community out in to the world as they grow and better themselves.
The addition of less chain stores and the promotion of locally owned business.
The bicycling problems causing congestion on our roads.
The bike trail along the railroad
The continuation becoming a green, sustainable city in every capacity
The county's use of more green technologies for commercial and government uses
The Ecusta bike trail!!!
The Ecusta Plant site turned into large business growth!!
The Ecusta rails to trails bicycle/hiking/walking/running path
The Ecusta Trail
The Ecusta Trail Bike Path
The Ecusta Trail completed.
The Ecusta Trail connecting Brevard to Hendersonville becoming a reality
The Ecusta Trail for biking and walking.
The Ecusta Trail.
The passage of the Ecusta bike trail on unused rail lines.
The proposed Ecusta Trail
The rail to trail conversion from Brevard to Hendersonville
thriving industry
Time Bank! (see http://timebanks.org/) I've been visioning this for years for Transylvania County
Tiny house communities
To gain more national recognition as a destination, for travel as well as for relocation
Top notch internet access. Google fiber.

Response Text
Tour guided
tourist
Tourist services
Tow junk cars
Toxaway included in park system
Tracks for Brevard Middle/High and Rosman Middle/High
Trader Joe's
Trader Joe's type stores
Traffic
traffic control around Brevard
traffic help at the Pisgah Forest entrance
Traffic problems.
trail to be built to Hendersonville
Train Service
Transportation for workers to jobs.
transportation services (primarily to airport)
transportation to other counties for medical care
transportation/bus shuttle service for all members of the community to Hendersonville and city transportation
Trolley or bus
truck route around downtown Brevard
True high speed internet access
True incubator space to accommodate small/start-up businesses
two outgoing lanes of traffic from Pisgah National Forest from Schenk to Pizza Hut
uncertain
Uncle Julio's Restaurant / More main stream restaurants
Underground utilities
Unsure
Updated infrastructure
Updated Public building (TCEMS)
UPGRADE SEWER AND WATER
Upgraded infrastructure
upgraded school and athletic facilities
Upscale lodging
uptown more quaint
Use abandoned railroad track between Brevard and Hendersonville for bicycle travel. Nothing
VA Clinic
Variety of Businesses - Too many restaurants
Variety of opportunity for all community members.

Response Text
vegetarian restaurant
velodrome
viable industry
viable jobs in sustainable businesses for all types of workers
Walk / bike path throughout town including Ecusta Rail Trail
Walking bridges over streets/highways
Walking paths in Pisgah Forest.
walkways in city
Walmart Supercenter
water and sewer expanded
water and sewer expanded
Water and sewer infrastructure we can grow into not out of
Water and sewer infrastructure expansion
water and sewer out into the county
water and sewer outside the town allowing for more jobs
Water bottling facility or similar use of our resource of good water.
Water infrastructure to feed business growth
water park
Water Park (Ecusta site is ideal--trout won't mind!!)
Water park!
water resources for all in the county
Water treatment plant to sell water to other areas
Water/splash park
Waterpark
We don't need more of anything, except awareness of the value of what we have.
We have everything nearby....don't want malls or box stores
We have everything we need.
We need to aggressively develop the Ecusta trail from Pisgah Forest to Hendersonville.
Well connected designated walking/biking trails and roads that are friendly to smaller, energy efficient vehicles
Well maintained schools - public schools

Response Text
Well-paying jobs for all who need them.
Well-paying jobs/employers
well-maintained affordable housing for lower income
Well-paying middle class jobs
West main street connector
white squirrel zoo/museum/experience for tourism
Whole Foods
Widening of highways and roads for bicycles
Wider lanes for bike riders. It is dangerous for them riding on rural roads
Wider range of housing options
Wider roads
wider roads for bikes
wider roads, lanes for pedestrians and bikers
wider streets for bicyclists
Wider variety of restaurants
Wi-Fi throughout county - free or more reasonable or train tracks reused
Wind power, solar power
winter venues like skating rink and tubing hill
Wireless throughout the county. Change tower ordinance to reflect FCC guidance encouraging expansion of wireless service.
Work
work opportunities
Would like to see both high schools broaden their concepts of career-ready scholar (i.e., go beyond athlete scholar and support history and science scholars more--include debate teams, mock trial teams, more clubs that promote leadership. TIME Science is great and there should be more recognition of it.)
Year round jobs with benefits, ideally industrial jobs
Year round school
YMCA
Yucca
YMCA
YMCA

Response Text
YMCA
YMCA- an affordable place for our family to stay fit, children to learn
YMCA and Bicycle Lanes
YMCA and living green spaces where ALL can lead active healthy lives
YMCA that will serve all the residents year around, not just those who can afford the more expensive health club facilities
YMCA with pool
YMCA/YWCA
young children athletics
young families
young families
Young families
Young families moving here
Young families moving here. Unlikely without #1
Young families with living wage job opportunities
Young, working people
Younger people
younger people
Younger people- more families and year round residents
Younger population
Youth population growing and creating jobs for the community through entrepreneurial spirit.
zip line/outdoor adventure
zoning

Response Text
zoning
Zoning
Zoning - the most effective tool for planning.
Zoning to protect agriculture and individual property.
zoning in the county
zoning laws for areas outside of the city limits to help guide development
Zoning ordinances to protect the county
zoning that prohibits trailers
Zoning that protects natural resources and property rights.
zoning to maintain beauty of county
zoning to prevent pollution, traffic problems
zoning to protect private property and to attract business
Zoning to protect the integrity of areas e.g. inappropriately mixing industrial and residential

10 Minutes for 10 Years of Growth

Q12. Similarly, thinking about the next 10 years, what would you like to see changed in the County? Please list:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1.	99.9%	1553
2.	70.7%	1099
answered question		1554
skipped question		559

Response Text
(Gasp) zoning that eliminates or prevents damage to our county's resources
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1 high school
1 would have to be done with surrounding counties in order to keep businesses profitable
2 family style full course restaurants
a balance of tourism and non-tourism job opportunities
A better road from Balsam Grove to Brevard
a better water system in the city
a better way to get across town especially when there is a festival in town
A better working relationship between the county and the city so that much needed items like sidewalks, bike lanes, etc. can be executed together.
a big business came in
A bike path from Rosman to Brevard on Hwy.
A bike/walk path next to the French Broad river on the Wilson Rd Side, that connects 276 to Old Hendersonville Hwy.
a Brevard bypass road
A BUISNESS FRIENDLY ENVIORMENT
A business that employs many
A by-pass
a bypass to control traffic in city of Brevard
A central farmers market
A community that intentionally nurtures diversity
a consolidated government to effect coordinated change
A County Commission that

Response Text
welcomes input from all citizens
A county-wide energy efficiency program
A decrease of provincial thinking.
a dog park
A family fun place. as If we need any more gas stations or banks
A fearless, dynamic Bd. of Commissioners. Unlikely.
A few more progressive New Urbanist concepts for
A fire station closer to us in Windover Farms off Island Ford
a focus on business recruitment and/or retention/expansion of our existing business partners
a free standing birthing unit staffed with midwives
A greater expansion of technology
A greater investment in the appearance of our schools
A greater sense of community includes all residents
a law that makes all food vendors use compostable dinnerware
a little less "good ol boy" system
a mail
a master plan for modernization of the school system
a more aggressive government in attracting the young
A more beautiful uptown
A more career and business friendly county government.
A more diversified economy.
A more progress attitude towards improving the infrastructure
A more progressive County Commission
A more streamlined faster moving county government
a more tax environment for retirees

Response Text
A new courthouse
A new Franklin Park
an ordinance in city for rundown houses and yard full of garbage
A place that can conduct a "Critical self-analysis". Unlikely.
A plan to devote a large percentage (greater than 25%) of the energy consumed to be sourced from renewable resources.
A planning department that doesn't turn off developers
A policy of "no plastic bags" from retailers. How do we square (a) the natural beauty here with (b) the tattered plastic bags clinging high up in our trees or on the riverbanks of the Davidson River?
A program which would minimize or eliminate the amount of people leaving their garbage in public lands.
a seemingly tired political system
A sensitive development at mill site
A shared vision for the future
A single High School
A skate park and trampoline park.
A small transportation system in and around town
A turning lane coming up Broad Street for traffic going down East Main street.
A united community that is not divided into native/transplant, white/black/Hispanic, high/low economic class, church, political affiliation
a vehicle for dialogue among groups with differing views
A vibrant business park or industrial park - job options
a way for bicyclists on 276 to stop placing themselves and drivers at risk

Response Text
a younger population
A younger population that can live here.
Ability to use vouchers for school choice- private education
above
Action from the county. Too passive.
Action to recognize railroad service is gone and development of bike trail to Hendersonville.
active recruitment of industry
actively recruiting business and job opportunities
Activities for children cost friendly not just outdoors/nature activities something else.
Activity groups: running, cycling, hiking, etc.
Actual discussions between Rosman and Brevard
Add a traffic light at Food Matters
Add a turn lane on 280 from Walmart to Little Mountain
Add bike trails along roads
Add infrastructure
Add living wage industry and other jobs!
Add zoning
add zoning
Add zoning
Added living wage jobs
Addition of sidewalks throughout town with safe walkability
Addition water, sewer lines in areas suitable for small manuf. businesses.
Additional help for needy families (particularly kids)
Additional support of events that draw tourist
Adequate Health Care with qualified Drs. & staff
Adequate regulations to protect our environment.
adequate water supply
Administrators in the school who care little or none about their employees
Adoption of zoning and land usage laws to regulate growth
Adorable recreational activities for the younger children.
advertising for more tourism

Response Text
Affordable cost of living
Affordable dining options, such as family restaurants.
affordable housing
Affordable housing and good jobs
Affordable housing for everyone, especially seniors & young folks
Affordable Housing for Families
Affordable housing for locals (not gov't housing, but private.
Affordable housing!!!
Affordable housing.
Affordable housing/land
Affordable Living
Affordable Real Estate
affordable, comprehensive transportation system
Affordable, decent quality, housing...median income people struggle to buy a home...
Affordable, quality housing
After school care for specifically for teens other than Boys and Girls club, maybe through the colleges
again get more business opportunities
again, build safe lanes for bikes, since there will apparently be many, many more on our curvy roads
Again, have living wage jobs
Again, stop the C of C emphasis on growth.
Again, the high cost of housing.
All city governments run by county... no independent cities
all underground utility lines
Along with zoning, utility expansion to encourage business/manufacturing expansion in planned corridors
A lot of factory's and plants.
Although visitors and tourists are important to the county, I think we go overboard trying to cater to them.

Response Text
an active plan to transition to post solid waste landfilling
An affordable industrial park to attract "clean" industry
an aggressive approach to attracting and keeping a younger, working age population
an emphasis on attracting businesses and industry to our county
An expanded main street business area with more late night venues.
An increase in business and industry.
animal shelter management
ANTI BUSINESS POLICIES
anti-tourism/recreation mentality (probability of large industry returning continues to decrease)
Anything to keep the young here
Appropriate zoning in place.
architectural and signage guidelines
Architectural control to preserve our small town heritage
Assistance For Startup Small Business
At least one good and major employer
Attention to city residents - roads resurfaced
Attention to city water & sewage pipelines replaced
attention to infrastructure, future is now
Attention to roadways - maintenance and clean up
Attitude at the top to support industrial development
attitude of acceptance of industry
Attitude that "we have always done it this way"
Attitude that only those born here opinion's count.
Attitude that we need to go back to where we were
Attitude toward taxes...let's pay for what we want and need
Attitudes about Land use policy (zoning)
attitudes more positive to people trying to open businesses
Attitudes of people that think the government is responsible for providing jobs

Response Text
Attitudes toward taking care of the "native" people instead of the visitors (tourists)
Attract a more diverse population.
Attracting innovative and progressive companies
Attractive jobs for young people.
ATV trails in the mountains like in WV
Authentic coordination between city and county
Available low cost housing for young families
backward thinking county commissioners
Balance and diversity of businesses
Ban plastic bags. sorting recyclables not needed, Styrofoam accepted
Be more business friendly
Be more jobs friendly
Be more open to new ideas for improvement.
become more friendly to tourism
Better (less bitterly partisan) governing leaders
better access and affordability of health services
Better access for disabled
better access to early childcare for everyone
Better access to medical resources in remote areas
better access to technology
Better and safer bike trails
Better animal protection laws -- no chain laws
better attitudes towards non-white protestants
better benefits/salary for teachers
Better blending of native population and newcomers
Better broadband
Better cell connectivity
Better cell phone and internet service
Better cell phone coverage
better cell phone coverage
better cell service, skiing/tubing
Better cellphone and high speed internet access
Better collaboration between county and city government

Response Text
Better communication between City and County Government--bringing industry
Better comprehensive planning
better cooperation between cities and county
better cooperation between city government and developers
better cooperation between county and city
better County road maintenance
Better courthouse facilities (including parking)
Better curb appeal
Better downtown parking & traffic flow/signals
better downtown traffic flow
better education
Better education in Rosman
Better education in Rosman
Better emphasis on cultural centers for locals
better employment opportunities
better employment opportunities
better enforcement of school bus stop signs
Better flow of traffic (road)
Better food
better funding for public schools
Better funding for schools and teachers
better guidelines for land use and development
Better handling of snow removal
Better Health Care
Better Health Care
Better Hospital
Better hospital
Better incentives for new businesses
Better infrastructure
Better infrastructure
Better infrastructure maintenance
Better infrastructure to attract new business
better internet
better internet access
better internet access
Better internet access and cellphone coverage
Better internet and communications.
Better internet and communications. It would be nice to be closer to the

Response Text
poorest countries when it came to communications
Better internet connectivity
Better Jobs
Better Jobs
Better Jobs
Better jobs
better jobs / infrastructure
Better Jobs with Better Pay
Better land use planning and preservation of farming and rural nature of area. Protection of corridors from strip development.
better landscaping code for new and existing commercial development
Better low income housing
better maintenance of roads, i.e.: paving and grass trimming
Better maintenance and cleanup of the French Broad River
Better maintenance of forest trails
Better maintenance of parks
Better management
better management of business growth
Better management of existing businesses: we have plenty of shopping, but several stores have horrible customer service and/or a poor selection of items that I want to buy so I have to leave the county to find what I want
better management of our financial assets to help more with our children and road conditions
Better management of the county
better markings on 64/276 (painted lane lines hard to see at night and especially when raining
Better means of public transportation
Better medical care; 3. More retail
better night time activities in town
Better noise ordinances.
Better parking
better parking downtown & city wide public transport
better pay for fire, police, teachers
Better pay for teachers
better pay for teachers
Better paying - middle class - jobs

Response Text
BIKE PATHS (like before)
Bike paths along the highways
Bike paths and cyclists forced to use them.
Bike paths off the roads
bike paths on roads
bike riders to be moved to the forest, bike riders to be taxed for road use,
Bike routes
Bike trail completed
Bike trail on the rail bed.
Bike trail to Hendersonville (Ecusta Trail)
Bike trails
Bike trails in and around the Brevard.
Bike trails off the highways
bike trails to keep bikers off the road
Bikers pay taxes and get lanes on main roads
Biking lanes NOT next to main roads
biking laws that help motorists and bikers share the road
bilingual and diversity-related programs in local schools
Birthing center brought back to TCH Bldg. design guide THAT WE ACTUALLY ENFORCE so we don't end up looking like every other city USA
break Comporium broadband monopoly
breaks to attract industry to area
Brevard & Trans County merged in some way
Brevard College with 1200 students
Brevard traffic pattern
Bridging the gap between locals and newcomers
Bring back the emphasis on the school system.
bring better paying jobs
bring in a second motion picture facility
Bring in industry plants and etc. Good jobs stop being a retirement community!
Bring in more tourists by keeping and enhancing the small town atmosphere such as building main street and the side streets into a small business shopping area.

Response Text
Tourists and residence alike love that.
Bring in the low environmental, high quality, high paying jobs.
Bring more food locally, start food/health coop, community gardens at every school which feed the children in the school, and teach them about working with Earth and one another.
Bring more job opportunities to the county
bring new industry but enforce environmental laws
Bring retirement community to young people as well.
Bring some form of industry in to this county.
Bringing back Christian values!
Bringing in more high-tech jobs or decent paying jobs! We don't need any more fast food restaurants! We could also use more shopping centers
Broadcast of School board and Council meetings on WSQL to show transparency/
Broaden transportation services to better serve the working poor to be able to get to/from work.
build a by pass
build a Family YMCA closer to Brevard
Build infrastructures to support CLEAN industry.
Buildout of mixed use Davidson River Village property
buried power lines
Buried utilities wherever/whenever possible
Business building restrictions
Business Growth
Business growth to accommodate finical income of residents.
Business open for kids to play, something similar to the bowling alley but alcohol and smoking prohibited.
businesses allowed to come in to provide jobs

Response Text
Businesses located off of Main & Broad Streets should not be required to pay the same fees and requirements as those businesses on the two busiest roads located on Main & Broad St.
Businesses need to increase store hours to attract tourist
Businesses open past 5:00
Businesses outside Brevard
Bypass around Brevard's downtown; too much traffic congestion, unsafe for pedestrians
bypass through Brevard
Cable / broadband internet service provider competition/choice
Cable and Internet - upgrading this utility system will provide better access and competitive choices. Our livelihood depends as much on this as it does electricity, gas, or water.
can't think of anything
Can't think of any
Capitalize on tourism rather than dream about industry coming. Make the county attractive to people and industry will come.
care for land/ animals
careful development of business opportunities
careful planning to avoid becoming another Gatlinburg
carefully regulate development of downtown Brevard
cascade lake being privately owned
Cascade lake to be a true part of the forest service
cater to locals, not just tourists (prices too high for locals)
catering to the tourists
Cease using my tax dollars to support private schools. No problem with privately funded schools but not at the expense of the tax supported public schools.
Chain and leash laws for dogs.
Chain-free laws for dogs - no tying in yard allowed.
Change in county commissioners

Response Text
Change Ingles to a Publix (I know, not in your power, but it would be nice to dump Ingles for Publix!)
Change the attitude about bringing industry back. We need it and should strive to obtain it without fail
Change the attitude that not all change is bad.
Charging stations for electric cars
cheaper housing, better schools, higher paying jobs
Cheaper taxes
child care centers
Child poverty rate
childcare for younger families
children activities
City and county road maintenance improved
City council
City government. Pay double taxes for no reason.
City planners striving to accommodate more business growth. Economical shuttle services to the Pisgah National Forest
City restrictions on businesses that would like to come.
City zoning standards for new construction to have historical looking facades (like Biltmore)
County and city work together more. There's more than the heart of Brevard
Clean dirty places
clean the streams
Clean up & remove Ecusta holding pond
clean up abandoned trailers, cars and junk
Clean up Ecusta
Clean up of abandoned building sites
Clean up of some of the older/run down lots/buildings
clean up some of the unkempt properties
Clean up the 64 four-lane
Clean up ugly buildings/junk
Cleaner bike trail
cleanup along rivers from all the fallen trees
Clean-up along us 64. visibility of junk, rock piles, etc. minimized

Response Text
cleanup of rivers
cleanup of rural blight, trash, private property full of garbage, junk cars
clear controls/program to prevent sprawl
Clearer priorities on how to allocate budget
Close Job Corps in Pisgah National Forest
Close Main street to vehicles
close the stores on Sunday like it used to be
Collaboration between county, cities and community groups
College education requirements for law enforcement officers
Combine high schools
combined Brevard city and County governance
combined city and county government
Combined high school
Combining schools
commissioners allowing more business to move in
Commissioners fear of change
commitment to helping prevent climate change
communication between city council, board of aldermen and county commissioners
community gardens in the western part of TC
Community Wi-Fi connectivity
Community YMCA with pool
Competition for high speed internet
Competitive Broadband, cable and telephone
Compost collection for comm. garden.
comprehensive zoning
Comprehensive zoning plan
Comprehensive Zoning Plan
Concern for infrastructure
Concerted efforts through our schools and local governments to improve the readiness of our children for kindergarten
Conservative financials
Conservative mindset of leaders
conservative, close-minded leadership in the county
commissioners office

Response Text
Consolidate public schools
Consolidate Brevard and Rosman High Schools; we are too small for this kind of redundancy
Consolidate police and sheriff's
Consolidated schools
Consolidated water-sewer authority that would expand water and sewer to county
Consolidation of County and City Government
consolidation of County/City
consolidation of schools to offer more comprehensive study programs
Continue investment in more trails, improve roads and parks
Continue to increase internet & communication capabilities throughout the county
Continue to preserve our local history/heritage
Continued and more nurturing of students so they don't have to leave the area to find a job.
Continued expansion of pathways
continued expansion of the walking path/greenway (better maintenance/consistent/safer sidewalk in front of Bo jangles area to Ingles)
continued improvement in tourism opportunities
continued improvement of railroad arts district
continued improvement of the four lane into Brevard
continued improvement of walking and biking paths/trails
Continued revitalization of downtown
Continued use of bike and walking paths with easy access to popular businesses and attractions
Continuous improvement in school graduation rates and academic achievement.
Control bicycles on the road.
control growth to avoid Brevard becoming one long strip mall
Control of dogs off leash and constant barking. Reasonable fine not 100\$
Control sprawl

Response Text
control the growth of kudzu
Conversion of all county facilities to renewable energy
Convert stop signs/lights to roundabouts.
Cooperation between City, Town and County Government
Cooperative efforts among county and cities to resolve problems
Coordination of the educational/cultural resources
cost of housing
County and City (Brevard) work together
County and city governments work together better
County and DOT widening of shoulders to improve safety of auto drivers and bicyclers.
County Commissioners
County commissioners that are more forward thinking
County commissioners who are proactive about growth (and not reactionary)
County Council
county government attention to poverty and hunger amongst children of county
County government could recognize that folks west of Save More are residents not subjects.
County land use regulations
County leash laws implemented
County needs to spend less on non-essential services.
county parks
County participation in banning coal power generation
County participation in river water quality improvement
county planning
County policies that promote education and health
County resources west of Brevard other than garbage dump and landfill
County restrictions on businesses that would like to come.
County school consolidation.
County should have control of water and sewer resources currently

Response Text
controlled by the City of Brevard
County supporting the Transylvania Heritage Museum
County thinking about bringing large manufacturing back.
County to support and promote the Ecusta Trail
county wide zoning to protect assets and character
county zoning
county zoning implemented
County zoning.
County/city in charge of traffic control
County/City working together for the COUNTY citizens, not just Brevard
Crack down on drugs in schools and public housing
Crackdown on EBT abusers
Create a land-use plan
Create zoning in the county so we can plan for development
cultural events in all areas all year round
Cut spending. Quit trying to be everything.
cutting duplicate services and combining more city/county services
dangerous turn lane through fast food alley
Dave Watkins moving out of county
Decent and affordable housing for all income levels, that's not in the projects.
Decision makers with more life experience so they aren't buying what educated, well-meaning but inexperienced "experts" are selling them
Decision to keep out polluting, dirty industries
decisions made based on locals points of view not tourists
Declining school aged growth
Decrease amount of property county keeps renovating to house all the additional people county keeps adding.
decrease in drug abuse
decrease in poverty

Response Text
Decrease poverty and unemployment
decrease regulations
Decrease size of county government.
decrease speed limits
Decrease the amount of annual rainfall.
decreased cost of living
demographic change with young families
Demote retirees. We need youth, creativity and employment to help sustain them, not minimum wage jobs.
Demote tourism; it shouldn't be the main focus. The tourists will come anyway because this is a beautiful area but it doesn't need to be priority. Without employment here the place will implode.
Designated bike trails off of the highway
desire by the local government for growth
Development of an office/light industry park along Ecusta Road
Development of empty lots on 64 (in Brevard)
Development of jobs that require GED or certificates
development of old Ecusta property
Development of Railroad Ave area
Development of stagnant Ecusta property to generate tax revenue.
Development Restrictions
different county commissioners: better educated, more forward thinking, no more old boys network
Diversity in the schools
Division between the haves and the have nots
Do not allow the clerk of court to appoint magistrates. Their duties are too important for the only qualification to be that candidate comes from the clerk's church. Everyone knows the chief judge just rubber stamps her selection.
do something leadership
Don't allow huge buildings such as French Broad Place to be constructed. The style and scale of that building is not sympathetic to the small mountain town

Response Text
atmosphere
Don't know
Don't make it another Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge
Don't try to modernize the historical district.
Downtown and county revitalization
Drawing younger people to offset the aging population
Drinking Laws
drinking water expansion addressed
Drive in movie theater
Drop the complaining and negativity- It is great here
Drug testing for government benefits
eager welcome to lifestyle related business
easier for small businesses
easier access to rivers
easier permitting
easier procedures for businesses to come to TC
easier process for large businesses to come to the county
easing of regulations, such as signage
Economic changes
Economy based on small businesses
Ecusta site being vacant
Ecusta to be cleaned up.
Ecusta trail
Ecusta Trail a reality
Ecusta Trail and other similar connectors to promote bike/pedestrian travel between county areas.
Ecusta trail is the best thing this county can achieve, that will eventually attract larger investment.
Ecusta Trail to Hendersonville begun, finished
Education
Education facelift
efforts to improve the infrastructure that was formerly built by the counties industry
Elected Officials
Elected officials who look beyond their ancestry in making decisions
elevator and other improvements at Silvermont

Response Text
Eliminate ETJ by city of Brevard
eliminate property tax and go to a sales use /tax on luxury vehicles/farm equipment
eliminate the need to travel from mountain to city for food and necessities
Eliminate traffic boxes. Noisy and ugly.
Eliminate trailers, mobile homes
Elimination of incestuous business deals
Elimination of stranglehold by specific groups
elimination of the UDO
elimination of bike traffic on public highways
Embrace more progressive, forward thinking
Embrace the future rather than expecting the past to return
Embracing the idea that a variety of economic opportunities need to be actively pursued.
Eminent Domain plans for expanding 64 need to be stopped
Emphasis on a more diverse year round economy
Emphasis on business and jobs. even industry being located in the county
Emphasis on controlling drugs, gangs
emphasis on primary/secondary education
Emphasis on redevelopment of existing properties: fill in those empty buildings/spaces (even with parks) instead of building new ones
emphasis on tourists
Employment opportunities that pay enough for people to live here (not fast food jobs)
empty vacated houses that have been here 10 yrs. without any occupants
Empty/vacant lots filled (esp. around The Clock/Bo jangles location. Ecusta building/development finished
Enact controls to retain scenic beauty and do no become tacky tourist area like Maggie Valley
encourage small business
encourage small business in

Response Text
unexpected places
encourage small town atmosphere
Encouragement for small business growth
Encouraging a stronger middle class community. There seems to be a lack in available middle class housing and promoting middle class growth will help with this.
Encouraging healthy spirts, cycling.
end the "no tax" proclivity
Enforcement of environmental restrictions
enhanced biking trails
enlarged government social services
equal recreation opportunities for kids in Rosman/Brevard
equal spending throughout county
Equality for all financially
Establish an Architectural Review Board to encourage quality Architecture in Developments along highways and main thoroughfares.
Establish more equitable representation of various areas of the county on the county commission
even better public schools
Even better schools
Even more emphasis on smart planning
Even more recognition of ARTS/CULTURE
even more recreational activities and support for them
Every church taxed
everyone in office
Excellent internet access
Excuses for not getting more industries, large or small
Expand waste water treatment capacity
expanded free access to forest
expanded transit system
Expansion of downtown
Expansion of Downtown parking facilities.
Expansion of Farmers market to ALL Vendors - SC
Expansion of the water system for economic development
Extend utilities out into county to attract industry jobs

Response Text
Fair property value assessments
Fair tax rates
Family growth
family style restaurants
Fast food strip on 280.
Fast track construction of Ecusta bike path
faster internet
Faxes that tap those in the highest brackets the most. Not sales taxes because they are not shopping here, but taxes on their homes and land
Festivals that take place outside of Heart of Brevard
Fewer strip centers unless better architecture... encourage walking villages
Fewer and fewer Baptist churches would be great.
Fewer anti-growth, anti-industry, anti-development people living in the county.
Fewer bicycle riders
fewer bicycles on roads
fewer bicycles on rural roads
Fewer chain restaurants, fast food
Fewer charter schools and more support of the public school system
fewer citizens depending on taxpayer support
fewer drop-outs
fewer empty houses on broad street
fewer families in poverty
Fewer festivals
Fewer gated communities
fewer obstacles to growth
Fewer police roadblocks.
Fewer police, huge hit on our pockets and do we really need all those cops driving up and down 280 all day?
Fewer property taxes
Fewer regulations, more freedom
Fewer restrictions on business
fewer tourist shops
Fewer tourists; more residents invested in the County
Fewer traffic signals
Fill the empty bank downtown
fill vacant buildings
Financial commitment to a progressive vision

Response Text
Find ways to get young people stay in the community after HS and college
finish the old Ecusta site
Fix the roads in the City of Brevard!
Fluoride back in the water
Focus more on areas outside the city limits of Brevard.
focus more on families
focus more on families
focus more on the local people
Focus more on the locals that support businesses all year
focus of schools redirected to the education of students in the basics, with less emphasis on vocational training (which might limit a student's awareness of other alternatives in life)
focus on attracting/keeping families and the young rather than just attracting retirees
focus on being residential & tourist centered
Focus on bringing jobs to area
focus on common good instead of special interests
focus on environment and tourism
focus on retirees - current and attracting new ones
Focus on smaller industry that is not dependent on RR
Focus on the family
focus should be on the people not the critters
focusing more on the youth
Forests
Forward thinking local government that keeps citizens informed.
fragmented road side businesses
Free community pool and wellness center
free community pool and wellness center
FREE parking in downtown area to accommodate clientele.
free public transportation
FRIENDLIER AND MORE RECEPTIVE INSPECTORS, PERMIT OFFICIALS,ETC
from state
Full alcohol sales
fund trail/volunteer coordinator position

Response Text
funds paid by hunters and fishers used for hunting and fishing
future for our youth
Get a better Hospital with more services
Get an economic development director that shows some understanding of the process.
get away from the tourist will fix everything attitude
get away from tourism
Get bicyclists off roads for safety for all!
Get bikes off the road
Get bikes OFF the roads!
Get control of the French Broad River water supply before someone else w/the political clout TAKES it from us!
Get county commissioners who are forward thinking
Get out to attract more small mfg. or tech business
get rid of 1/2 useless stoplights
Get rid of bicycle
Get rid of good old boy network that keeps business from coming
Get rid of mopeds
Get rid of that coffee roaster downtown and their smell!
Get rid of the bike races & foot races.
get rid of the lottery It's not helping the schools
Get rid of the ugly billboards coming into town
get some zoning
Get something in the old Ecusta property. It LOOKS awful and has for years. A nice park with pool, playground, flat bike riding area etc.
get the Natives to be more open to change
Getting rid of cluttered property and the attitude that no one can tell us what to do with our property!!
Getting rid of Comporium? More cable and internet options
Give breaks to large companies that employ a large number of citizens if they move to our county
Give resources to downtown shops so they can stay



Response Text
Giving up on the idea that heavy manufacturing as in the past will return to the county.
Go back to the 70s mindset and budget
good paying jobs
good paying jobs
Good paying jobs to keep our youth from being forced to move away from well-paying jobs.
Government geared for growth! Roads, water, sewer, all will lead to growth!
Great as it is
Greater diversity
greater emphasis on early childhood opportunities
greater emphasis on manufacturing/less on service
Greater integration of all racial and national groups into the general social and business life of the community
greater internet capacity
Greater Sheriff coverage. Expand force
Greater sidewalk access
Greater variety of restaurants
Greatest protection of the environment. Protect our old growth trees
green parks, and sitting areas around main street
greenway/bike-walking path along river
grocery stores
growth
Growth for the county as a whole
Growth in our economy
growth in the downtown shopping area, increase in diversity of restaurants (ethic food) and shops
growth of business and industry
growth of high paying jobs
Guard against environmental extremists who disguise their opposition to jobs with environmental fabrications
Guidance and help to business to start move or expand. Help make it smooth.
Handicap Tran. for upper Transylvania

Response Text
Happier citizens
harmony
have zoning of some type
Health Care being controlled by MMH in Asheville
Heavy reliance on tourism
heightened environmental concern
help business grow stop the red tape
help the locals
Heritage Museum in a more prominent place
hi speed internet
High payed managers work for their pay...
Higher base teacher pay.
Higher minimum wage
Higher pay rates for public school teachers.
Higher paying jobs
Higher paying jobs
higher paying jobs
Higher quality schools
higher salaries
Highways/roads /potholes
Hospital
Hospital adding services not taking them away
Hospital needs to be upgraded and provide more services for families and children.
Hospital not destroyed
hotel tax to add revenue, ease the tax burden on locals
Housing availability should increase, and be available to varied income levels.
housing for everyone so they do not need to live in the woods
Housing needs to be more affordable for young families
Housing options
How city of Brevard works
how public boards are chosen
Hwy 64 - widened / 2 lanes
Hwy 64 straightened from Rosman to Sapphire
hwy-64
I bid
I cannot say; we have liked being in Brevard
I don't know

Response Text
I don't know. I haven't lived long enough, yet.
I don't see us needing any more breweries. How about something family oriented.
I know that there must be rules in place for business development. However, it is my understanding that the City of Brevard has lost the interest of many businesses due to their regulations and fees. Can't we be comparable to surrounding areas?
I know that Transylvania County is a tourist destination and retirement community. However, we should still focus on keeping future generations here.
I often hear gunshots near my house--makes me uncomfortable
I think Hendersonville downtown with larger sidewalks would be great addition in Brevard
I think zoning is critical to the county's future direction. Like it or not, it protects people's investments and allows for better growth.
I understand it is very difficult for small business owners to start a business in downtown Brevard. How can the process be improved?
I would also like there to be more focus on arts in general, all throughout the County.
I would like for my taxes to be rolled back to what they were before the two recent tax increases.
I would like more native trees
I would like to change the traffic pattern that runs thru downtown Brevard. Too many cars going thru a lovely downtown.
I would like to have a higher occupancy tax for tourists. When I travel to nice places I always seem to pay high occupancy taxes on our lodgings. It is something that will not prevent people from staying in nice places and it would take some other the tax burden form county residents.
I would like to see careful, thoughtful zoning. I know there is great resistance to this, but every

Response Text
time I go into Hendersonville I see the awful results of not having it-- and it needs to be in place before more development takes place!
I would like to see it more dog friendly
I would like to see jobs where our children can make a living and not have to leave the county
I would like to see more camping options closer to town.
I would like to see some industry here. We were once a county with 3 big plants that supported many families. Our year round residents need good paying jobs so we don't have to go out of the county/state to find a good paying job. Then our youth would have the chance to live, work, and raise their family here.
I would like to see something done with the Ecusta property
I would like to see the City and County work together, and not be sparring partners.
I would like to see the community focus more on the education system, and on the poverty level.
I would like to see the focus of schools to go back to education and not about sports
I would like to see the phrases "we can't do that because" and "we will never have those kinds of jobs again" removed from leadership's vocabulary.
I would like to see the White Squirrel Festival date, or name changed. That is a slap in the face to our soldiers/veterans/military and our fallen soldiers who gave their lives for this country. It needs to be called Transylvania County Memorial Day Festival. I'm very well aware that there is a parade and a ceremony in honor of Memorial Day and the lives lost. But the fact that you named it after a squirrel is an embarrassment. Have the squirrel weekend some other time; This one needs to be reserved for preserving the memory and honor of our fallen soldiers.

Response Text
I would like to see us shift away from promoting our forests as a way to make a living. Our forests were much better off when the people in this county made their living off of things other than packing the forest full of tourists.
I would love to see a more concerted effort to recruit, attract, and support business partners to Transylvania County.
I would love to see a realization at the county level that Transylvania County doesn't stop at Cathey's Creek. There is more to the county than just "Brevard" and white rodents.
I would not like to see a lot more growth as far as a lot more people moving here.
I would personally like to see opportunities brought in that would keep our young people here.
I would prefer to see policy decisions to be made along secular line. More separation of church and state.
I'd just like to see us keep on keeping' on.
I'd like to have more families with young children above the poverty line
I'd like to see a greater openness to diversity of peoples and less suspicion of "outsiders"
idk
idk
If econ. cannot support it growth is not good
If we do not attract and retain families through jobs and housing we become even more of an old folk's area and eventually die.
illegal drugs out
I'm from Brevard, but it would be nice to see improvements for Rosman as well.
Implementation of county-wide zoning
Important to have some zoning in this county
Improve animal shelters, decrease killing of pets at shelters
Improve Billboard ordinances - outlaw

Response Text
Improve employment and schools
improve high tech. connectivity
Improve infrastructure to support influx of more residents and tourists
improve infrastructure to support tourism
Improve infrastructure (water sewer, etc.)
improve road safety for bikes and hiking
Improve roads
Improve the climate for new "green" businesses
Improve the education system
Improve the Caldwell St./N. Broad St. Intersection
Improve use of Town Hall building on Main St.
Improved access to 25Mbps+ internet service
Improved and enhanced recreation department
Improved Biking
Improved Coding Inspections
Improved collaboration between non-profits, removing overlap and improving effectiveness
Improved control of traffic lights! Long waits on Main Street do not make for friendly driving!
Improved cooperation between county and city
Improved cooperation between County and City
Improved downtown appearance, i.e. Hendersonville
Improved economic growth
Improved educational standards/meeting special needs students growing needs
Improved electronic infrastructure
Improved housing for low income families
Improved indoor recreation for seniors
Improved infrastructure
Improved infrastructure
Improved infrastructure (roads and sewage treatment plant).
Improved infrastructure so there can be more controlled growth
Improved infrastructure, particularly competitive Internet speeds and

Response Text
prices
Improved infrastructure. (Roads, water and sewage,
improved internet services
Improved opportunities/ services for minorities
Improved parking in downtown
improved process for property tax assessment
improved property tax assessment process
Improved quality of school lunches
Improved road from Walmart to past turkey pen
Improved road maintenance.
improved road repair
Improved Roads
Improved roads
Improved roads (basic maintenance - potholes, etc.)
Improved roads and bridges
Improved roads and traffic control
Improved school leadership
improved schools
improved schools
improved sidewalks in town
Improved support for small businesses - less strict zoning, better/affordable high-speed internet (essential for running a business)
Improved traffic patterns, perhaps one way through down town
Improved walkability/bike-ability
Improved water and sewage infrastructure
improved water facility
improved water sewer infrastructure
improved water treatment facility
Improved youth soccer
improvement in affordable housing
Improvement in basic education in the schools. Example: a nurse needs to be able to tell the difference between am and pm time and military time
Improvement in efficiency in County Government.
improvement in quality of education/schools
Improvement in roads, wider and safer

Response Text
Improvement in school system
Improvement of roads
improvement to schools
Improvement/Replacement of Abandoned Businesses/Factories
Improvements on Ecusta Rd/Wilson Rd (bypass?)
Improvements to Brevard College
Improvements to Hwy 64 in the mountains
Improvements to water and sewer capacity for Brevard
Improving the county for year-round residents
In town event venue
Incentives for business and development
Incentives for companies to move to the county and bring jobs.
incentives for younger people to stay
Incentives to attract new businesses to grow economy
Incentives to businesses to become more energy efficient
Incentives to promote quality families.
Inclusion of minority community
Increase funding for schools, both for teacher salaries and infrastructure
increase in sidewalks/bike paths to increase pedestrian opportunities
Increase in taxes to support needed services
Increase variety of restaurants
increase zoning to reduce sprawl and ugly road sides
Increased "Friday Night Activities" to do around town
Increased bike paths
Increased communication and cooperation between city and county officials
Increased focus on recycling
Increased funding for schools at all levels
Increased Lodging for Visitors
Increased minimum wage
increased recreational opportunity -- rails to trails
increased resident / water responsibility and participation

Response Text
Increased respect for our natural surroundings
Increased Salaries for teachers
increased support for early education
increased support for middle class families that work and live in Transylvania County
increased support for schools
Increased tax base for accountable returns
Increased tolerance, diversity, comprehensive compassion
Increased wages so people don't have to work in Asheville.
Increased water and sewer capacity
Increased zoning/adherence to current zoning in business and residential areas
Increasing small business/manufacturing
Independent Businesses that are open at night and Sundays so the chains make less money.
Independent taxing authority for the school system.
Indifference towards lack of jobs/opportunities
Industrial growth
Industrial options available to those looking to establish manufacturing.
industrial parks
industry
industry
industry
industry
Industry & Manufacturing
Industry & Manufacturing Jobs
Industry besides beer that pays a living wage
industry brought in
industry in country
Industry that will take some of the tax load off the people
in-fill housing and business
Infrastructure development
infrastructure
Infrastructure
infrastructure (water, sewer, roads)
infrastructure development that protects resources
infrastructure for business

Response Text
Infrastructure for light, eco-tourism related manufacturing. Bicycles, etc.
Infrastructure improvement(water and sewer)
Infrastructure improvements (water, sewer)
Infrastructure needs to be much improved.
infrastructure upgrades and an industrial park built
Infrastructure with an emphasis on water and sewage lines linking Brevard to Rosman.
infrastructure, too many bad roads in the city
infrastructure, too many bad roads in the city
infrastructure
Installation of a traffic light at SavMor
Installation of charging stations for electric vehicles
institute zoning regulations
insured protection of our natural environment including water supply
Intentional Planning for the Future (which this survey suggests is beginning to happen.)
inter-racial communication and integration
internet
internet access for all of the town
Internet that is actually decent
intersection of Main and Broad
Invest in Business Infrastructure
investment for the future
Investment in assets that attract business
Investment in assets that attract business
Investment in infrastructure
Investment in schools and infrastructure
It needs to be bigger
It needs to be more active
It seems that a lot of extra permitting for building and home repairs is required here and a lot of people just ignore it rather than try to comply,
it trying to become a larger town than it is
Jimmy Harris not here any more

Response Text
job
Job Availability Increased
Job growth
job growth
Job Growth in Career Fields- not minimum wage
Job Market
Job market expand
Job opportunities
job opportunities
job opportunities for our young people
Job opportunities for our young veterans
Job training/ links/ support for those in poverty
jobs
Jobs availability
jobs for locals
Jobs for our KIDS
jobs other than service industry
Jobs that Families can stay in the area they grew up in rather than having to move to out of the area to find work
Jobs that help people make a good wage to support their family

Response Text
Jobs that pay enough for our few locals to actually stay in the County.
jobs that will keep families here and children in our public schools
jobs with pay
Jobs/careers
JOBS/Industry
join with the city to address water needs/treatment facility
Just more jobs in the county that can support a family.
Keep control on the rise of taxes
Keep down town looking historic
Keep out expansion like Bo jangles
Keep supporting Public Library and Community Arts- theater
keep the scenic views
keep the small town feel
Keep up careful zoning - no overbuilding downtown
Keep up the roads
Keep your eye on the three Bs - Bicycles, Bluegrass & Beer
kick out the beer and bicycles
Lack of affordable housing
Lack of affordable housing
Lack of affordable housing- little incentive for young families
Lack of consistent growth planning.
Lack of countywide zoning regulations - or if not countywide then at least within some projected shadow around existing incorporated areas to control unregulated construction/growth.
Lack of educational opportunities in public schools
Lack of employment opportunities
lack of industry
lack of jobs
lack of jobs for middle and lower class
Lack of jobs that pay a living wage.
lack of leadership
Lack of low cost housing
lack of vision
lack of zoning
Lack of zoning
Land for a reasonable price
Large county agencies
larger deer population
Larger farmers market
later store hours uptown



Response Text
(restaurants included)
Laws for bikers
laws/lawmakers allowing high-density residential growth
laws/lawmakers allowing pollutant-causing industrial dev
Lay off the ZONING, 78% of county already has some type of restrictions.
Leaders having more consideration for what community members think and believe.
leaders that will make a difference
Leadership that is more responsible and accountable
Learn how to be a preferred suburb of the AVL/Buncombe MSA
Lease law - something like Henderson County
Leash laws with enforced fines so no free-roaming dogs.
legalize weed
Less "transplants"--more local mountain people!!!
less "bickering " between Brevard/Rosman/County
less "central planning" and more freedom to build and start businesses
Less "trashy growth," or sprawl.
Less affordable housing.
Less alcohol
Less alcohol
Less alcohol establishments or breweries
less animosity between "locals" and newcomers
Less banks
Less banks
less banks and grocery store
less beer and bicycle
Less Beer making/joints
less beer trend
Less bicycle traffic on the roads
Less bicycles.
less bike paths and such that do no help locals
Less bikes
Less bikes on the public roads.
Less breweries
Less Breweries
Less breweries

Response Text
Less breweries and bars, and more family oriented establishments.
Less brewery's and more emphasis on family oriented venues
Less buildings being built on originally forested lands
less bureaucracy
Less bicycles
Less camps
less catering for summer tourist
Less catering to bikers
Less catering to retired and more to young families.
Less catering to tree squeezers
Less chain / fast food restaurants
Less chain fast-food as you enter our sweet little town
Less chain restaurants
Less chains/fast food
less children
Less children on free and reduced school lunch
Less city like- keep the rural appeal
Less city zoning & regulation; less signage regulation; NO More State/City Parks! - Instead use land for homes & communities. We need more tax base - not costly Recreation areas which only contribute cents/not dollars to our economy
Less commercialism of the area
Less commercialization, chain & big box stores.
Less commercialization to appeal to tourists
less concern for commercial/industrial growth
LESS CONGESTION
Less congestion
less conservative-minded
Less cops on our county's payroll
less county facility & county job growth
Less crazy expensive gated communities and crap
Less crying for "growth, growth, growth!" We don't know what we've got.
Less Cycling
Less cyclist travel on dangerous roads.
less dependence on fossil fuels

Response Text
Less developments built into mountainsides, causing erosion problems
Less division between "natives" and newer comers
less division between the people of Brevard and the people of Transylvania County - both on a governmental level and in the general population
Less divisive, bring the communities together.
Less division
less drug activity
Less drugs
LESS DRUGS. As in METH, crack/cocaine, heroin, pain pills.
Less education cuts
Less emphasis on attracting heavy industry over other types of job opportunities
Less emphasis on attracting tourists and retirees and more on building a place younger families can come and build a future.
Less emphasis on catering to tourist and
less emphasis on going green
Less emphasis on gov't spending on consultants and more dependency on people that live here with experience
Less emphasis on growth.
less emphasis on tourism
less emphasis on tourism
Less emphasis on tourism
Less emphasis on tourism and bike paths
less emphasis on tourism, more on industrial pursuits
Less emphasis on what benefits only a few - i.e. cycling
Less emphasis on who is a "native"
Less empty buildings
Less entitlements that will give more incentive to work, adding a work first program
less fast food
less fast food establishments, more local restaurants
Less fast food joints
less fast food places
Less fast food restaurants

Response Text
less fast food restaurants
less fast food restaurants
Less fast food restaurants/More chain sit-down restaurants
Less fast food, more real food (and affordable) restaurants.
Less feeling of "us" and "them"
Less focus on attracting huge industry, more focus on developing local small businesses
Less focus on beautifying
Less focus on catering to non-locals
less focus on house growth
Less focus on the way things "used to be" by those in office
less focus on the wealthy retirees that don't live here year round and pay taxes
Less focus on tourism
Less Focus on Tourism
Less focus on tourism and parks
Less focus on tourism, more concern for locals
Less focus on tourism, more focus on rebuilding middle/working class
less focus on tourists and biking
Less focus on travel and tourism
Less focus on trying to attract LARGE employers
Less forest infringement
less foresting of Pisgah and like areas
Less franchise businesses
Less funding for 4H
Less funding spent attracting tourists; they're already HERE!
less garbage/littering
Less generic industry (fast-food, etc.)
Less golf courses which are bad for the land
Less government
LESS GOVERNMENT
Less government control
Less government for population
Less government intervention, state and federal.
Less government regulation killing the economy
LESS GOVERNMENT SPENDING
Less government spending
Less high end business and touring companies that are geared towards tourists and retirees

Response Text
Less hostility to business
Less housing price inflation
Less intrusive regulations and efforts to make do with what we have now.
Less kitschy tourist bait
Less litter
less Mexican food
less Mexican restaurants
less Mexican restaurants
Less Mobile Homes
Less money wasted on county agencies
Less money spent on Bike Paths
Less money spent on bringing in "specialists" to evaluate
less money spent on things we don't need
Less mountain top building
Less of a gap between Brevard and the rest of the county
Less of. Retirement community
less old people
less or no destruction of slopes, views, natural areas
Less people on the county and city payrolls.
Less picky city people
less planning and more doing
Less polarization of people with different viewpoints
Less police presence
less police presence
Less politics
Less pollution
less population
Less poverty
less poverty
Less poverty
Less poverty stricken
Less private ownership of scenic sites such as waterfalls/
less prohibited restrictions in planning
Less property going into conservation mode
Less protective thinking on the part of the commissioners
less rain
Less rainfall! LOL
Less red lights and round about instead
Less regulations on businesses

Response Text
Less reliance on the tourist industry
Less reliance on tourism as our main industry
Less reliance on tourism for economic activity
Less reliance on tourism, even though it helps generate money, and more reliance on good companies to keep people employed
Less resistance for attracting industry/business.
less restrictions
less restrictions
Less restrictions on new businesses
Less restrictions on small businesses making a more friendly environment for new businesses
Less restrictive on building permits.
Less retired old rich people
less retirees
less rules and regulations that restrict growth
Less seasonal low paying jobs.
less service jobs
Less sirens. Tourists must think we are a dangerous community as, no matter where you are in the county, you hear sirens many times daily. Protocol needs to be changed, it amounts to noise pollution.
Less spending on law enforcement, I don't think we are all that dangerous
less sprawl
Less sprawl, better zoning so city is pretty and businesses kept downtown area and not sprawled all over 64 and 280
Less strip development like already exists between downtown and Pisgah Forest
less tax increases
Less tax on seniors
less taxes
Less taxing! We're not known as "Taxilvania County" for nothing!
Less tourism
LESS TOURISM MORE INDUSTRY



Response Text
Less tourism as an industry because service is low paying
less tourism tax breaks
Less Tourism, we are becoming overwhelmed
Less tourist trends
less tourists
Less tourists
Less Tourists
Less tourists and more local year round people
less traffic
less traffic (though' I know you can't really control that)
less traffic- more walking and biking locally
Less traffic!
Less traffic.
Less trash on side of road
Less UDO
less unified development, less regs on businesses
less 'us vs them'
Less Violence
Less visible power lines
Less wasteful spending by local government
Less wasteful spending on feel good studies
Less wasteful spending.
less waterfalls
let private businesses take care of things
Let's get a good steak house in here. There are quite enough fast food choices.
level or decrease taxes
Lifting tight restrictions on new businesses trying to open or build in Transylvania Co.
lighted sidewalks added to the music center to town route
limit chain establishments (Restaurants, stores)
Limit excessive spending
limit fast food restaurants
limit national chain restaurants
Limit restrictions on new businesses

Response Text
Limit restrictions on starting a business
Limit to corporate development, particularly retail and fast food
limited availability of mental health services (need more providers and better access to them)
limits on developments with high priced homes
Limits on visually obscene construction in Brevard
Listed. Above
listen to desires of citizens
Litter and trash at Franklin park
Little League sports in Rosman
living wage jobs for all
Living wage requirements for new businesses coming to the area.
Lobbying for larger manufacturing to pick this area to locate their businesses in
local contractors having first choice on jobs
local government
Local law enforcement needs to stop excess speed and be more responsible when responding.
Local leadership supporting the direction of growth and not hindering it
Local shops costing so much that u can't shop there
Locally owned hospital- Not M.M.
Locals being county & town leaders.
long term residents mentality that views others as outsiders
Longer business hours in downtown Brevard
Look at role of "heart of Brevard"; funding; what happened to cart races? Why can't they provide needed volunteers? Has this group lost its mission to others? Maybe they have become dead wood?
Look at the traffic pattern-maybe reroute traffic around downtown and lessen congestion in certain areas. When spring/summer is here, you almost take your life in your hands trying to do an errand at lunch if you are a working person.
Looking and planning ahead, instead of always looking back to what was

Response Text
lose manufacturing mentality
Lottery
low house prices
Low rent, county supported spaces for small art and culture based businesses to thrive without the pressure of exorbitant rents. A place for startups and new ideas.
low tolerance for diversity
lower cost of living
Lower cost of living
Lower cost of living
Lower housing and land prices
lower in-city taxes
Lower property tax
Lower property tax rates so young people from Transylvania county can afford to live here instead of housing being more easily available to rich individuals to buy vacation homes
Lower property taxes
Lower Property Taxes
lower property taxes
lower rates of unemployment
Lower real estate taxes
Lower Real Estate Taxes
lower sales taxes
Lower tax rates
lower taxes
lower unemployment rate
Lower yearly vehicle fees/taxes
Lowering of county property insurance rates
Lowering of county taxes
Major employers
Major upgrade of several school buildings.
make downtown a pedestrian area
make downtown more pedestrian friendly
make improvements on recreational opportunities
Make it a biking and walking friendly county

Response Text
Make it much easier for viable businesses to locate here
Make laws concerning bicyclists. If a line of cars is behind them, they should yield the right of way too!!!!
Make prisoners do more cleanup on the roads
make us less dependent upon tourism
making it too difficult for businesses to locate here
making sure industry like "bio fuel" is unable to purchase large pieces of land near our water
Making the Transylvania regional hospital personable again and bring back the birthing center! It's ridiculous that women are having to drive 45 minutes to give birth & some aren't making it & having to deliver in the tech ER!
mall
Management to see public \$ used effectively.
mandatory property maintenance on abandoned sites
MARK BURROWS RETIREMENT
Maybe more friendly biking lanes on major corridors.
Maybe we can have a zoning plan
measured industrial development
Medical emergency vehicle response time
members of the board of commissioners
merger of Rosman and Brevard high schools
Mindset away from just downtown Brevard, to a County alliance of Brevard, Rosman and communities
minimization of large retail stores (Walmart/Lowes)
minimization of the large food chains
minimize poverty, particularly amongst children
modernized schools
Modest amount of industrial production.
Money being more evenly distributed throughout the other towns.
Money spent in other areas of the county besides Brevard.

Response Text
Money spent more wisely
Monies that have been poured into attracting tourists - creating jobs that do not offer benefits or retirement - spent more wisely towards the sustainability of our native people
more sustainable jobs, no more fast foodies
more "median income" type jobs opening
More \$ spent on marketing the area nationally
more /better healthcare for those without or on margins
More acceptance of bicyclists and tourist
More action, less talk. If we know what to do, do it. Stop discussing, hem and hawing.
More activities
more activities and place to go for teens and young adults
More activities for grades K-12
More activities for young adults
More activities to attract tourists during the winter
More advanced school system
More advertisement of the beauty of the area for tourism
More affordable housing
more affordable homes for rent
More affordable houses available
more affordable housing
More affordable housing and property.
More affordable housing brought to the area (either income based or following County income statistics)
More Affordable housing for families
More affordable housing for local families
more affordable housing for low/mid incomes
more affordable housing for

Response Text
teachers
more affordable housing for young people
More affordable housing opportunities
More Affordable Housing Options
More aggressive promotion of the county for tourism
More agility and flexibility in attracting new business
more agricultural zoning
more agriculture
More agriculture/business
more and better employment opportunities
More appropriate jobs to be brought in (no more alcohol)
more arts and music opportunities and venues
more assistance to help homeless and their children have housing and income to keep their housing
More assistance to local residents suffering from economy
More attention given to bike lanes
more attention given to drawing industry; less to tourism
More attention to maintaining and developing opportunities to enjoy nature
More attention to our schools
More attention to overall growth of county.
more attention to resource preservation
More attention to streets and roads; some are in bad shape and we need a bypass around town
more attention to the environment and more progressive ideas
More bars downtown in Brevard
more better paying jobs
More bicycle riders to use the bike path provided
More bicycle stuff.
more bicycle trails
MORE BIKE FRIENDLY ROADS (ROADS WITH BIKE LANES)
More bike lanes
more bike lanes
more bike lanes on county roads
more bike lanes to make it safer for all

Response Text
More bike lanes, cyclist and driver etiquette training
more bike paths
more bike paths
more bike paths
More bike paths and walking paths
more bike paths to get the bikers off the roads
More bike/walk paths/trails
More business friendly government agencies
More business/ less regulations
more businesses
more businesses here in the county
More businesses locating in Brevard and Rosman, less on the 280 corridor
More businesses moving to county
More cell towers
More character to the county
More child care opportunities
More citizen involvement in local govt
more citizen participation in the county government
More city/county cooperation
more city-county partnerships
more clean industry
More collaboration to make the entryways to downtown proper more attractive
more college-city interaction
more commercial development
more community interaction
More community based businesses
more community involvement
More community trails. Connectivity
More companies offered incentives or tax breaks to move here
More competition in businesses (Comporium, Ingles)
More competitive job opportunities
more competitive public schools
More concentration on how to meet the needs of the native res. and less on tourism.
more concern for local folk
More concern for maintaining environment [water run off etc.]
More conducive to allowing business to enter our county. Less restrictive.
More consideration with standards of practice for new incoming

Response Text
businesses
more control of air pollution
More control of the byways leading to town
More cooperation between City of Brevard and county
more cooperation between county and city
more cooperation between the City of Brevard & the County
More coordinated health care, especially for elders & disabled
more coordination between local & county government
more county support to our schools that are in need of major repairs
more cycle friendly roads
More decent jobs
more diverse city and gov. leaders
more diverse economy
More diverse economy
more diverse representation in local government
More diversity
More diversity
More diversity
More diversity - there are so few people of color here it's disturbing. I think diversity is wonderful.
more diversity in business
More Diversity of People
more downtown businesses
More Downtown Parking
More downtown parking in Brevard
More downtown stores
More drug alcohol education
More drug enforcement
More eating establishments/ recreational places NOT BARS
More eco-friendly
more ecological friendly business
More economic development
More economic incentives for middle/small sized companies
More economic opportunities
More economy growth
more educated, working people moving here
more effective community engagement

Response Text
More effective drug enforcement
more efficient use of existing assets, i.e., old driving test area on Ecusta, farm land, abandoned buildings, etc.
more effort to assist poor
More effort to de-polarize citizens
More emphasis on education
more emphasis on county zoning
More emphasis on education
More emphasis on education
more emphasis on getting the right businesses here versus getting any businesses here
More emphasis on job creation
More emphasis on jobs for the locals
More emphasis on jobs to support the people who live and work here.
more emphasis on keeping locals
More emphasis on local farms and unity as a county.
More emphasis on local residents and less on tourists
more emphasis on needs of local year round residents
More emphasis on people who have lived here all their lives.
more emphasis on quality of life attractions
More emphasis on sustainable employment (not seasonal - part time)
More emphasis resident access to recreational opportunities
More employers, business' etc.
More employment
More employment opportunities
More employment opportunities
More employment opportunities.
more energy efficient single family dwellings
More entertainment for teenagers
More entry level job opportunities other than fast food.
More environmental protection.
More environmentally healthy technology
More equal age distribution population
More equitable treatment of the areas of the county outside the Brevard city limits



Response Text
more ethnic and social diversity
More evening entertainment.
More events tailored for locals.
more every-day businesses
More experiential learning opportunities in the county schools.
more families NOT living in poverty
more family activities or resources
More family friendly events
More family fun
More family, youth, and native organized events. It seems that since I was young my town is full of outsiders-- please do not take that in the wrong way-- tourism is a huge part of summer and fall events, from the white squirrel festival to the twilight tour. I feel that due to our economy these events are not only enjoyed by the town's people that started them. More natives would be able to enjoy our town again if we had the funds to do so with. We need jobs.
More farmland preservation initiatives.
More felony drug convictions.
more festivals
More financial support from county to the school system
more flowers in town
More focus in general of locals then the focus on tourists!!!!
More focus on allowing locals to provide a life for their families.
more focus on beautification/park/paths in of areas of lower income
more focus on children's activates
More Focus on essentials!
More focus on families and investing in our children
More focus on helping the unemployed/underemployed lift themselves out of poverty
More focus on keeping the local children here/bringing them back home when they graduate
more focus on local owned businesses
more focus on locals
More focus on locals versus tourists.

Response Text
More focus on natural recreation...outdoor activities
More focus on people who built the county
more focus on public education
more focus on residents and less on tourists
More focus on sustainable industry
More focus on the needs of residents above tourism needs.
More focus on the needs of the locals
More focus on the schools and children than on tourists and non-native residents.
More focus on the small town atmosphere
more focus on year around residents rather than tourists
More focus on young families
more focus on younger families
More focus, time and money on economic development, particularly of small, green businesses
More for the Home folks rather than Visitors.
more for vacationers
More forward thinking county elected officials
More forward thinking government
More forward thinking leadership from County Commissioners instead of trying to return to the past
More franchise restaurants.
more free events for kids/families
More free parking downtown (please, NO METERS or downtown will die).
more frequent resurfacing of roads
More friendly to business, besides adventure sports/eco-tourism, tourism
More full time employment opportunities.
More funding for enhanced school programs.
more funding for schools
More global thinking; greater good thinking
More good jobs
More good paying job opportunities for young people
More good paying jobs

Response Text
More good paying jobs to attract young families
More green corridors for plant and wildlife
More greenways
More growth and companies that pay a higher rate so we can keep families here and they can have a better life
More growth of businesses
more growth of small, independent businesses
More growth of student population
More growth, better jobs in tourism.
More healthy food locally produced and available to all
more help from city for new businesses
More higher income jobs
More higher wage employment opportunities
more housing for low income families or individuals in Brevard
More Housing for Middle Class, Underserved
More Housing for middle income residents- rentals
More in place to appeal to families with young kids
More industries and jobs brought in
More industries for graduate jobs.
more industry
more industry
more industry
more industry added
More industry for better school funding.
More industry.
More industry.
more industry/jobs in county
More infrastructure and power lines underground
More initiatives for attracting business.
More input from locals instead of outsiders coming in and changing our small town feel.
more integration between local families & new comers
More intelligent tax policies; commercial zones with bldgs. and power & sewer

Response Text
more interest in schooling for our youth
More Internet & Cable companies to drive prices down
More investment in community resources (parks, schools, etc.)
More investment in infrastructure
More investment in our public schools since the state is choosing to abandon them.
More investment in public education
more investment in public schools even if it means higher taxes
More inviting atmosphere and communication between parents and school board and administrative offices.
more inviting incentives and infrastructure to new businesses looking to relocate (specifically, for businesses that match the direction we'd like to move forward in)
more job opportunities
more job opportunities for young people
More job opportunities.
More job opportunity
More jobs

Response Text
More jobs
More jobs and help for those less well off
more jobs for people in their 30 and 40s
more jobs for people in their 30 and 40s
more jobs for the local residents
more jobs for the working class
More jobs for those of us who are not entry level but not director level either. Not many middle income options like \$35,000-\$50,000/yr. salaries.
more jobs for working class
More jobs for young people
More jobs other than tourism
More jobs so our young people don't have to move away to find work with good wages
More jobs that support Transylvania
More jobs that will attract and support young families
MORE JOBS THAT WILL SUPPORT A FAMILY YEAR ROUND
more jobs to allow local young people to stay in the area
MORE JOBS!
MORE KID FRIENDLY
More kid friendly activities
more leadership and participation from all races and economic groups
More left turn signals
more liberal government
more lakeside development
more living wage jobs
more living wage jobs
More living wage jobs to allow folks to stay and raise their families here and balance out the retirement demographic.
more local business
More local funding and support of our school system
more local involvement
More local jobs
More local/small businesses supported over building chain stores and restaurants

Response Text
More locally owned businesses being supported and prioritized for growth and development
More locals staying because of opportunities
More locals to get involved in planning
more long term employment opportunities
more lucrative offerings for new business
More meaningful regulation where they put commercial businesses
More middle class families
More middle class jobs.
more middle priced restaurants not fast food
more modest-priced housing
more money and emphasis given to public education
More money for education
More money for education
more money for schools
more money for the schools
More money in schools
More money in the school system
More money put into our schools (our future!)
More money spent on Rosman
More money/staffing for local government. Fire/ems/police
more mountain bike trails
more emphasis on schools success and teacher pay
more multi-sport athletes at all ages
More music venues
more music venues
more of a bike friendly community
More open and thoughtful discussion about county government -- less caution about speaking openly
more open to new jobs and saying no less
More open-mindedness
more openness and welcoming of "outsiders", visitors, tourists
More opportunities especially for minorities.
more opportunities for decent jobs
More opportunities for employment, especially for young people
More opportunities for teenagers

Response Text
More opportunities for those in poverty to climb out of poverty
More opportunities for young folks to stay and work in the county.
More opportunities for young people
more opportunities for younger people
more opportunities in primary education
More opportunity for jobs
More organic produce at Farmer's market like berries.
more outdoor experiences
more outside food venues
More parking downtown Brevard.
more parking for handicaps
More parking in the downtown area
More parking needed downtown esp. In summer
More parking uptown
More parks for kids - waterpark, skate park etc.
More parks/youth activities
More passageways for pedestrians/bikes
More people rise out of poverty
More places for teens to hang out
More planning and investing in the future
more planning for growth
More preservation of historical buildings
more progressive commissioners and officials
More progressive commissioners
More progressive mindset.
More progressive politics
more progressive preschool education especially for children of working mothers
More progressive thinking and planning for the future among commissioners and county manager's office
More progressive, visionary county commission
More progressive-minded elected officials
More projects supporting tourism
more prosperity
More protected land designated for agriculture that isn't a flood plain

Response Text
More public education support
More public input and engagement on every level of government. Make it truly by the people for the people, less distinction of class and SES.
more public input on major decisions affecting the county
more public places to swim
More public spaces
More public transportation
More pull offs and scenic areas
more quality early childhood education
More quality services, like water, high speed internet, etc.
more reasonable internet/cable rates--competition
More recreational activities where jobs are available
more recreational opportunities
More recruitment of new businesses.
More recycle options, and lower gas taxes
more recycling containers around town, also drive up recycling stations (like they have at the beach) in various areas
More referenda of the people in the community
more residential and commercial in-fill
More resources for schools
More respect for the artists and entrepreneurs
More restrictions on cleaning up your property---not looking like a dump
more retirement homes
More rigorous requirements, including accountability within our schools. Starting with the early grades. Teach to the student, but allow the student to own his or her success and failure.
More road maintenance near Williamson Creek
more rules and laws for bike riders
More school and community support for the outdoor activities
more school funding
More school funding
more school support

Response Text
more school system funding
More sharing and involvement with adjacent comm.
more shopping
more shopping choices
More shops.
More side walks
more sidewalks and walkability (in lower income neighborhoods)
More sidewalks
more sidewalks and existing ones in better repair
More sidewalks esp. on Probert
More sidewalks throughout the city
more sidewalks, especially on Probart to the Music Center
More sidewalks/bikeways
More sit down restaurant options
More sit down restaurants
More Small Business
more small business development
More Small Business Help
more small businesses
More small businesses and jobs for locals
more small manufacturing
More small-med businesses
more solar and other alternative energy initiatives
more sports and school enthusiasm
more support for working families--social services
More support - also financially - for education
More support for arts and culture. Branching out to the rest of the world with visiting artist programs and residencies.
More support for clean industries, like Gaia Herbs.
more support for education & teachers
More support for emergency services
More support for local businesses
More support for local businesses of all types not just those in the heart of Brevard.
More support for local businesses.
more support for local farmers and farmers markets
More support for maintaining the heritage of our community

Response Text
More support for nonprofit organizations
More support for our schools
More support for public beautification projects
More support for public education
more support for public education and children
More support for school facilities, emergency services and facilities.
more support for schools
More support for small and mid-size business
More support for small businesses
More support for the retired
More support for the school system and their teachers
More support of agencies that help low income/disabled families; i.e. Sharing House.
more support of Brevard College and the Porter Center
more support of our schools
more support of small business and tourism
more swimming opportunities
More taxes from part time residents to help with funding
More taxpayer dollars spent to support the growing retiree population
more than just service jobs
More things for children to do that are cheap, fun, & educational.
more things for the teens and college students to do
More things/places for the younger crowd (16-25)
More thought and attention to people who live here year round instead of tourists
More thought given to planning. The entrance to Brevard, with the addition of Bo Jangles chicken is becoming hideous
More to bring in Jobs
more trees
More trees.
More user friendly building inspection department.
More value and resources for Transylvania County School (our children are our future!)

Response Text
More variety of participation in community life (ethnicity, race, age))
more voters involved
More walkable sidewalks
More Water and Sewer Access
More ways to instill community pride
More ways to travel safely without a car. greenways, bike lanes, and sidewalks
more work for people
more work opportunities in Rosman
More year round recreation for local youth
more yes answers to small business
more young families
More young people moving here
more young people settling here after college
More young people!
More youth living in the county
More zoning for building falling down
more zoning guidelines
more zoning in order to control quality and nature of economic growth
More zoning. What we have now is a mess.
More, better paying jobs
more direction and better communication
move court house to building that houses the jail
Move the emphasis from being just a destination to visit to being a place to raise a family (Like it was in the past)
movement toward less pollution than even exists now
much fewer boards, committees, commissions
much-increased local-tax support for schools
Mutual respect for all citizens and tourists
n/a
NA
Na
Nature trails
Need county wide junk ordinance, so many places need to be cleaned up
need good by-pass around town to

Response Text
protect town character
Need infrastructure
Need more progressive leadership
Need to consolidate high schools
need zoning in the county regarding trash, noise & mobile homes
Needs to have more affordable single family housing that is not a trailer or double wide.
Negative commissioner leadership
New blood in government
New businesses and restaurants
New County Commissioners.
New courthouse
New courthouse
New courthouse with main entrance open and available
New Internet service provider. Comporium is awful!
New leadership that will support development of infrastructure
New opportunities for our young people to work without being in the service industry, thus increasing the quality of their life.
new or upgrade high school
new recycling area or one on each side of town
new schools to replace old ones such as Rosman Elementary
New waste water treatment; it stinks something awful now!!!
newly paved roads
nicer people
no bear hunting using dogs
No bicycles.
no bicyclist
No bicyclists on the main roads
No bike or foot races
No billboards
No billboards!!! They truly detract from our natural beauty.
No breweries.
no businesses coming into county
NO change!!
No changes necessary, just some additions
No children having food insecurities instead of our inexcusable current 28%
no comment
no compression brakes

Response Text
No curfew
no freaking sky scrapers or giant buildings like the one in the middle of town
No hunting in residential areas
No junk cars or other unsightly home refuse
no large commercial manufacturing businesses, emphasis on sole proprietorships and entrepreneurial enterprises...more horses
no left turn onto 276
no longer a food desert
no more "strip malls" or fast food restaurants
No more banks
no more banks or gas stations
No more bicycles on our roads...we hate the bicyclists!
No more big box retail stores
no more brewery's
no more burn permits
no more cement curbs required
No more city limits expansion
no more fast food
No more fast food
no more fast food coming in
No more fast food places
no more fast food places
No more Fast Food Restaurants
No more fast food restaurants
No more fast food restaurants
No more golfing/retirement communities.
no more hideous high rise buildings
no more LED signs
no more Mexican restaurants
no more new traffic lights
no more out of place buildings - uptown
No more proselytizing.
No more strip malls
No more subdivisions on farmable land
no new taxes
no noise ordinance in the county
no opinion
No roundabouts.
No Runner or Bike Races
No runners or bike riders on roads
No running or bike races
No tax increases. Cut waste instead.

Response Text
NO topping and destructive trimming of trees allowed
No traffic circle built in front of Brevard College
No UDO to encourage industry/jobs
No Walmart
No Zoning
Noise ordinances that deal with gunfire in residential neighborhoods...I am a Vietnam Vet and it really bothers me!!!
Non chained restaurants
non-alcoholic in every store or restaurant
None tourism
Non-elective Sheriff
northbound lane on 280 turned into turning lane
not a retirement community
Not as many tourists
Not being labeled as a "College/Beer" town
not much
not much
Not much else.
not relying on tourism as much
Not so many breweries
not so much glitz in Brevard
Not sure
Not sure
not sure
not sure
Not sure if this is a county thing but less testing at the schools
Not the role of surveys or govt. to decide this.
Nothing
nothing - I like things as they are
nothing that govt should be doing
Number of restaurants
Obstructionists Attitude of Officials
offer incentives for businesses to use empty business space downtown
Office Park and/or Light Industrial Park on Ecusta Road

Response Text
Old courthouse retained for historic groups.
one government entity
One large high school
only organic farming (to protect our waters, land)
Open minded to new business
Open minded, less wishy washy elected officials
open to ecofriendly industries
Open to more types of business
Opportunities
Opportunities for people of other religions
Opportunities for various factions in the county to meet and appreciate each other!
opportunity, taxes and other for businesses to locate here
ordinances for thrift stores, better control of donations
Other than #1, I would like it to stay pretty much the way it is
Our children and grandchildren able to stay here and earn a living.
Our city is not business friendly. We need to change that
Our county to rely less on tourism
Our Outdoor adventure experts should be a part of our volunteer rescue squad. They have the skills and expertise. They would be a great resource
Our school system focused more collaborating with professionals from our region. If we want change or direction, we need to include our youth, and help secure their future.
Our state and federal elected officials
Our various boards, commissions, chambers, etc., need to work together.
Outreach to work together with neighboring counties
Overall attention to better race relations
overly burdensome regulation for new business
Parents support and involvement in education and progress of children
parking available
parking downtown...need some

Response Text
parking garages just off Main and Broad
Parking garage
Parking in downtown Brevard
Parks kept up better
People
people junking up their property
People who support growth on the board
Permanent bike lane on the road!
Permitting processes that encourage small business development.
places for kids to go and have fun
plan to keep our schools updated in technology
Planned growth, not individual-more community decisions
Planning / ordinance development criteria more environmentally friendly
Plant fruit trees- like Seattle who plants a fruit forest for foragers. More communication between different communities. Promote more diversity. If I didn't own my house and have children I think it would be difficult. I am blessed.
Police force reduced. We pay way too much for cops we don't need. too many officers per capita
Police force, there are too many.
Police presence be more spread out in the county (not sure what can actually be done with this; but, I notice a lack of police on the 'back roads' and an abundant presence on the main roads)
police vehicles should not constantly do double the speed limit in town
policies re: development that protects ecosystem
Policies which would protect the beauty of our land (maybe through zoning)
Policy banning plastic bags in the county or at least the city. We are 50 years behind the state of VT and there are "bagless counties" across the USA. Why can't TC do away with plastic bags? In European countries, they expect the customer to bring their own bag or box. They actually sneer at Americans for not doing the same. Who do we think we are,

Response Text
anyway?!
Political representation
Politicians who are not qualified for their jobs
Potholes done away with
power lines underground
practical strategies to help locals stay and raise their families here
Preserving Nature
Pride in appearance
Prioritize Education
Prioritize Env. issues over \$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Proactive action from the County to encourage IT business developments.
Proactive search for industries other than tourism
Probart Sidewalk
process of keeping locals here by bringing more jobs
Progressive county government
Promote community activities - use of public places to serve the people
Promote our county for business not vacation.
promotion of smart growth initiatives
promotional tourism advertising
Property Rights
Protect the beauty of the county without totally thwarting growth.
protection of corridors
Protection of our waterways and environment
Protection of the counties water supply, Rivers and Streams.
provide adequate funding for schools
provide incentives for early childhood education
Provide incentives for new business instead of making it impossible for them to locate here
Public Transportation
Public access to flat water kayaking, such as on Cascade Lake and Lake Toxaway
public park with facilities for all ages
Public parking expanded
Public Transport
public transport, electric charge stations, bikes
Public Transportation

Response Text
Public transportation
public transportation
Public transportation
Public transportation
put in a by-pass
Put more forward thinking county commissioner in
Put the cyclists on a bike path and keep them there. They disrupt traffic and don't contribute to the economy.
Quality Affordable Clothing / Shoe Store
Quality alternative medicine
quality, affordable housing
quit catering to bicycles
Quit catering to the retired community and more towards the locals
Quit running away large companies. Let them in they bring a lot of things to the table
Race relations continue to need improvement
racism, sexism, homophobia, religious conservatism
Rail to Trail
Rails to trail path.
Rails to Trails
rails to trails implementation
Real job growth so young people don't have to leave.
real racial integration
Realistic evaluation of business opportunities
realistic taxes to produce more money
Realization of the idea that tourist based economies can be sustainable
Reasonable building codes
reasons for more young families to move here
Recently, I was disheartened by the decision to decrease the hours of teacher assistants in our schools, I would love to see that changed!
Recreation for children
Recycling Bins in Public Areas, Backyard Composting Initiatives
Redevelopment of downtown
reduce downtown traffic
Reduce EPA water regulations

Response Text
Reduce number of fast food restaurants
Reduce property taxes on Lake Toxaway residents - we pay an inordinate share and can no longer afford to live here
Reduce regulations. Also too many police per capita.
reduce size of local government
Reduce the negative impact of tourism on county residents
Reduce the size and influence of government
Reduced poverty
Reduction in the number of Fast food restaurants
reduction in those needing services of nonprofits
Reduction of poverty, homelessness; more focus and resources for education/less focus on dead-end school sports
reform transportation
Reformed traffic court system (online payments, no court fees)
refusal to understand that large industry/manufacturing jobs will not come to Transylvania County any time soon
Regular bus service from Rosman/Brevard to Arden/Asheville
Regular police patrol in entire county
Regulation of appearance of properties (commercial & private)
Regulations and red-tape restricting businesses to "tourism only" like trade which does not support younger households.
relaxed inspection dept.-makes it difficult to build
reluctance to invest now in the important project to ensure our future and attract new businesses
Remedy lack of building sites for light manufacturing activities
Removal of buildings that are obviously beyond repair
Removal of corrupt / ineffective local elected officials
removal of ridge top houses
removal of what appears to be restrictions inhibiting new business

Response Text
starting here
Remove business impact fees and over regulation
Remove shabby trailer parks.
Remove the electronic signs or at least van any more-no exceptions
Repeal Alcohol
Repealing UDO
Replace the aging water and sewer system.
replace water treatment plant
replacement for Mark Burrows--he has closed few deals
Replacement of at least 50% of the Commissioners.
Resentment by locals
Residential zoning laws
respect
respect to others
respect to residents
Responsible zoning to guide growth
Responsible zoning to guide growth
restaurant/shopping chains
Restaurants that serve wine and beer.
Restrictions on rural development, i.e. multi-family housing
Re-structured tax system
RESUMPTION OF OB-GYN SERVICES LOCALLY
Retirement driven investment funds to finance new start ups
Return of free clinic
Return of Jobs
Return to traditional values and equal opportunity in the school system
Revise Tax Rate
revitalize the rundown areas
RHS, RMS, RES, and TCH schools should receive exactly the same benefits that BHS, BMS, BES, and PFE do. If something can't be done equally, it shouldn't be done for any.
River accesses better kept up
Road Conditions
Road improvement
road improvement to accommodate tourist traffic
Road improvements
Road improvements out of Pisgah Mountain

Response Text
Road improvements, paving
Road infrastructure
Road Maintenance
road maintenance/ paving rather than patching
road repair
roads
Roads
Roads improved to attract more industry
Roads maintained
Roads maintained a little better- like the truck route
Roads need loads of repair
Roads widened
rules enforced on bicycles
rules for bikers
Rules for cyclist. Makes certain places and road they can ride only!
Rusted vehicles and cluttered front yards eliminated
Safe driving school for bicycle road riders
safe places for bikers to ride
safer city walking and riding trails
Safer parks
Safer paths for bicyclers
Safer places for people to ride their bikes
Safer roads for bikers/cars - very dangerous now
safety
Same
Same
Same
same as #11
Same as #11
Same as above
same as above
same as above
Same as above!!
School consolidation--TC Henderson closed leased to Quebec Community for \$1 per year as community center; Brevard High/Rosman High
school improvements
school pride, school system being 100% fair across the board to students and faculty
School System (2 HS) Combined
School system. Our teachers need to

Response Text
be paid more.
School Systems
Schools
Schools
schools - more forward thinking, more student accountability, more diverse teachers
Schools Consolidated
schools continuing to improve and helping our students develop
Schools fully funded by the County Commissioners.
Schools improved, more opportunities for girls
security
see # 2 above
See #11 answers
see above
See above
See above
see above
See above (No: 11)
seeing the county's money be spent outside of Brevard and in the rest of the county
selection of more progressive public officials
senior affordable support and programs
Senior citizen living and nursing homes
Settle on a future water supply
Several contractors who live in the county refuse to work here because of the way they are treated by the county building inspectors. This will kill growth eventually
Sex education program in schools (that doesn't just "teach" abstinence)
Shift from extreme conservative leaders to more moderate ones.
Shops, restaurantsmore tourists to the county
Shorter signals on Main or better timed
Shorter traffic lights for locals to cross Broad and Caldwell
Shoulders on roads to accommodate

Response Text
walkers & bikers.
sidewalks (walkable community)
Sidewalks added or improved
Signage restrictions - like Williamsburg, vs or Gatlinburg...low signs, natural materials, etc...
signage size reduction
Significant progress in the answers to #11
Signs when entering town for no Jake breaks
simple concise planning for future
Skating Rink
Slot machines
slower growth
Small closed mindedness on growth
Small manufacturing moving here
small organic farms
Smaller county government until we attract companies to our county to increase tax base.
smaller local govt.
Smarter spending of tax money
smoother traffic flow on broad and Caldwell streets
So away with all of the one way streets in downtown
Solar technology on county buildings
solutions for the homeless
solve traffic congestion
Some county water and sewer to enhance business development
some factories open again
Some roadway expansions
Some sort of public transportation
Some sort of zoning
some zoning to attract businesses
some zoning to prevent certain businesses
something done with Ecusta plant
something for the locals instead of the tourists
Something for the youth. Not all of them want to go hiking or biking.
Something needs to happen at the old Ecusta property that would equal jobs.
something to do in South Broad Park
Something useful done with Ecusta property
Somewhere besides our roads for all the bicycles

Response Text
space for industry
spend money on roads and bikes paths and cleaning up our community rather than spending money on fancier city official buildings
sport complex for tournaments etc. to give our children equal opportunities as surrounding county for scholarships
Stabilize population...it's getting overcrowded, especially in the Summer.
state take over private roads
Statewide ban on the entire ABC system starting with Transylvania county.
Stations for charging electric vehicles
Stifling growth outside of Main Street.
Stop allowing the ugly blinking electronic signs along 280.
Stop being so influenced to backward thinking people
Stop catering to Retirees and Tourists
Stop catering to the retirees and granolas
Stop catering to the retirees coming from Florida and stop building so many banks when we don't have jobs in the county for people to work to even make money to put in them.
Stop chopping away the school budget.
Stop focusing on change by people who move here.... They moved because they like it, not to make it like the place they just left.
Stop looking for "heavy" manufacturing and go after light manufacturing (like "GO trailers)
Stop putting the retirees first and start taking care of the younger generations who will be here for years to come.
stop raising my taxes
Stop raising the taxes
Stop rejecting future opportunities for jobs. We all know of the



Response Text
brewery's that were trying to come to Transylvania county but were not allowed because they aren't for the retired community.
stop relying solely on tourism
Stop spending so much money!
stop stressing over healthy living come naturally
Stop stressing over visitors. consider the people living here
stop the killing of coyotes
stop the restrictions put on new business by planning dept.
Stop thinking about change for the sake of change and growth
Stop wasting money on consultants. [e.g. traffic circle]
Strengthened economy in Rosman and western county
Strict cleanup regulation of abandoned properties, vehicles, junk piles, etc.
strict/unreasonable building guidelines
Stricter road biking rules
Stricter Zoning
Stricter, more enforced bike laws for cyclists. Some of the roads in this County are far too congested and filled with blind curves for cyclists to be on.
Strong economic development staff
Strong Protective measures for the environment to the exclusion of any factory complex or business that is polluting to the area
STRONGER COMMITMENT TO PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES
stronger fight for tax dollars
Stronger partnership between city and county officials
Studies on our soil and research to be conducted. Too many children and adults are suffering from cancer. What carcinogens are in our creeks, soil, nature, etc.
summer concert series (like they do with the square dancing)
support businesses offering better paying jobs that provide benefits
Support every effort to improve the public educational opportunities for

Response Text
the children of the county.
Support for public schools
Support for Bike-Pedestrian trail to Hendersonville (do the rails to trails)
support for Brevard College facilities
Support for local business
support for local businesses
Support for new projects
Support for public schools
support for small businesses
Support healthcare growth, especially for elderly, poor
support more citizen involvement across communities
Support of local agriculture
support of teachers and school
Support the whole county for public trans.
Support to attract small scale specialized hi-tech firms and manufacturers
Support traffic circle and new entrance to BC on Broad St.
Supporting the local residents and not the tourists
Tactics to attract young, environmentally focused people.
Take action on these plans
take CARE OF WHAT WE HAVE
take the drinking back out making it a dry county
tax breaks for attracting new industry
Tax incentives for large companies to locate here
Tax incentives for small businesses
tax incentives for small businesses
Tax rates on part time residents should be increased so they support their share of the increased infrastructure needs in the summer months.
tax structure
Taxes
taxes added to pave private roads
Taxes reduced or at least maintained at current level
Taxes to go down
Taxis
teacher housing; more jobs for young (18 up)
Teen Club

Response Text
telephone lines underground
The "poor" mentality
The "strip" coming in on the four-lane
The addition of jobs that can sustain the middle class.
The attitude that tourism is going to be our solution to all our problems
The availability of internet/TV other than Comporium
The backward thinking county commission
The bikers
The birthing center at TCH returned
The building restrictions need to be less burdensome on the homeowner.
The City and County hold each other's hands on projects and support each other!!!!
The City of Brevard to prioritize modernizing its water and sewer capabilities
The County Commissioners
The county government should represent the upper end of the county as diligently as it does the Brevard area.
the county needs to take over the little league fields
The county take a bigger interest in its younger residents
the county to put more emphasis on our youth instead of senior citizens because the youth is the future of this wonderful county
The county to take more interest in communities other than Brevard
The creation of new job opportunities rather than sending residents to Buncombe County
the current resistance towards growth
The direction of the parking spaces at the PF recycling center!
the downtown area being more pedestrian friendly and laid out in a fashion to be more friendly to visitors/shoppers-more like Henderson County
The existing railroad system used for something other than sitting there rotting & rusting away. How about a

Response Text
scenic railroad use from, say Asheville/Biltmore, to Transylvania and back.
The festivals are the same year after year - gets boring after a while
the focus moved from attracting retirees and tourists to attracting full time working families
The focus on bringing in more and more tourism!
The focus on tourists rather than residents
the heart of DuPont, The heart of Brevard
the hospital
The idea that individual rights always trump the good of the whole
the kind of jobs that would stop our children from leaving the county
The medical emergency vehicles response time
The members of the County Commission
The negativity of the natives towards the bicycling community and tourists.
the old Ecusta plant site made use of
The Politics! Our county needs jobs that will benefit the future. The same people that have decided the direction our county takes needs to be changed.
The presence of Comporium.
The price of housing
the railway trail between here and Henderson county
The rapidly developing strip mall entry into Brevard is ugly and it doesn't fit with the unique character of downtown Brevard. It is one franchise after another with standardized logos, colors, etc. that can be seen just about everywhere else
The recognition that not all development and growth is good--intentionally choosing zoning and development
The regulatory environment is too strict
The removal of the County and City conflict.
The retiree and tourist culture.
the school system and how it

Response Text
operates
The support of Solar for county buildings
the tea party leaning county commission
The thought process of our commissioners
The thought process that Transylvania County needs tourism instead of jobs.
The tourism industry pays their employees more.
The town is racially segregated; I'd like to see a more integrated community.
the ugly condos tore down
The useless county planning board
The way potentially toxic industries are vetted
The way the county and department of social services deals with mental health. I would like to see a larger support network for people suffering from specific mental ailments.
Things for kids to do
Things geared more towards our children instead of retirement age
TOO many breweries
TOO many people
Too much emphasis on breweries
too much red tape
too much trash along some highways
tough fines for littering
Tourism become less of a priority
Tourism growth, but not in a "Myrtle Beach" manor
Tourism limited
Tourism should not be the number 1 priority
Tourist rate of disregard and pollution of our home.
Town has mulching and composting every Monday
Town of Brevard needs to improve traffic flow... Traffic light system is terrible.
TOWN OF ROSMAN ENGAGED WITH THE REST OF COUNTY
town transits
Toxaway included in park system
traffic

Response Text
traffic
traffic congestion
traffic congestion - install roundabouts at major intersections
traffic controls
Traffic flow - Changing the traffic pattern and red lights made it much more difficult to get through town!!!
traffic flow foe through traffic on main highways
Traffic indicators on sharp curves.
Traffic issue by Walmart entering and exiting Pisgah
Traffic pattern through town.
traffic patterns
Traffic patterns within the city
traffic problems in Brevard i.e. Caldwell to old 64 area
Traffic routing to improve vehicle traffic.
transparency in development planning
Transport joining other communities (bus)
Transportation for elderly to Brevard
Transportation into rural communities.
transportation to other counties for medical care
Transylvania City is small. Seems that we need a more unified approach to governance of all, The success of Brevard is good for the County. Just as the growth of Rosman and other communities is good for all. The county should help promote the growth of the smaller communities by a more fair tax structure.
trash-filled property cleaned up a bit
truly high speed internet not Comporium's low speed DSL
Truly make Brevard bike friendly - bike lanes, bike racks, etc.
Trying to replace Ecusta with another Paper Mill?!?!?!?
Turn the lumber arts area into a mini river arts...with working artist studios
UDO and less restrictions
uncertain
Underground utilities
Underground utility lines and better



Response Text
cell phone reception
undeveloped areas of downtown cleaned up
Unemployment at 3.5% with wages 10% above NC average.
Unity around a bona fide economic plan
Unity instead of divide...
unsure
Unsure
Upgrade broadband
Upgrade of water and sewer systems to facilitate development
Up keep of roads
Update Landscaping requirements - Trees that grow tall planted under utilities that are TOPPED down the road. Correct landscaping rules should be adopted...
Update our water plant to attract light industry
updated schools, better teacher pay
Updating our educational facilities. Our education is great but the buildings and offerings (track, swimming pool, etc.) will put people off
Upgrade infrastructure (specifically water and parking for downtown businesses)
Upgrade Recycling Centers
upgrade school facilities
upgrade the quality of education in high school to support a higher tech industry
Upgraded cable/phone/internet services with more companies to choose from.
US 64 project completed
Use of wild native plants in landscaping
use the existing railroad as a bike/walking trail
Utility systems that serve a broader area
Vibrant downtown Rosman
Wait times at stop lights
Walking biking accessibility
Walking paths NOT next to main roads
Walking trails
Water and sewer/infrastructure updated

Response Text
Water park or skate park
Water plan
water system improvements
We are over policed. Let's consolidate forces, save money
We do not need to continue to ignore the area of the county that is Rosman to Sapphire.
We need a fully functioning EMS.
We need a stronger commitment to attracting environmental friendly businesses
we need better county-city collaboration
We need fewer bicyclists and hippies
We need fewer people (especially retirees)
We need land use controls to protect what we have
We need to push the DOT to develop Caldwell Street to make it 3 lanes. It seems this project is languishing.
We need to refocus our economic development efforts towards new opportunities
We need zoning to ensure controlled development that will serve all communities.
we need zoning -- not ultra-restrictive, but some zoning
Welcome new industries
When you drop off your own trash at the transfer station, a small amount should be free. I pay taxes, but don't get trash pick-up.
White squirrel fest to what it used to be and twilight tour!
Whitmire, Apodaca and Meadows OUT!
Why can't our county have tourism and industry? Other counties have both and it seems to work well for all. It seems the county only wants tourism (which I am not against at

Response Text
all) and they want nothing for the year round residents or anything to keep our youth here. But they sure want us to shop local and spend our money here that we have to go elsewhere to make. It would be so wonderful to see them work toward industry and tourism together.
Widen roads for bike lanes
Widen Wilson Rd. or at least put rumble strips on all narrow roads
Wider riparian buffer zones along rivers (perhaps enforce existing state law?)
Wider roads with bike lanes
wider roads, especially if you continue to let bikers use them
Wider shoulders of the highway to allow bikers to ride there
wider, safer roads to support growing bike industry
Wild animals
Willingness to pay for the above.
wise use of funds for hunting and fishing
With any more growth, we must address traffic patterns & parking
With the prominence of cycling, we need to add bike lanes for safety and encouragement
Would like to see the bike trail finished
work more with DuPont and Pisgah
Work more with locals on a solution
work study programs for students that need to stay in school
Would have liked to have had the YMCA agreed upon.
Would like to see better county council decisions and more locals in office
Would like to see the movie theatre (Co-ed) restored-keep its oldness, but improve it!
Would love to see new businesses required to have frontage that respects natural environment.
You make it very difficult to start a business, give some tax breaks.
Young families being welcomed
Younger people in county positions
Younger people moving into the county

Response Text
Youth of the county know that they have an opportunity to both get an education/training beyond high school and be able to work at a living wage job and live in the county if they so choose
zoning
zoning - stop chain stores
zoning (?) control of industrial development
Zoning and enforcement of junk left on scenic land/cleanup of areas along major roads
zoning for mobile homes and trailers
zoning in county
zoning in place to prevent pollution and excess traffic
zoning laws
Zoning laws
Zoning laws in County
zoning laws need review
Zoning regulations improved
zoning regulations in some areas
zoning so as to clean up the eye sores
zoning that will control the kind of industry that can locate here
Zoning to protect us from undesirable establishments!!!

10 Minutes for 10 Years of Growth

Q16. In the next 10 years, what businesses in Transylvania County would you like to see more of?

Answer Options	Low Priority	Low-Medium Priority	Medium Priority	Medium-High Priority	High Priority	Rating Average	Response Count
Agriculture	112	139	595	355	503	3.59	1704
Big Box Retail	941	295	287	89	72	1.85	1684
Business Professional	95	198	587	441	384	3.48	1705
Construction / Maintenance	92	261	748	354	252	3.24	1707
Educational Services	52	80	401	458	731	4.01	1722
Government	498	381	541	164	90	2.38	1674
Industrial	321	251	351	288	520	3.25	1731
Manufacturing	238	213	337	354	599	3.50	1741
Medical / Healthcare	58	97	440	512	628	3.90	1735
Outdoor Recreation	126	102	345	427	745	3.90	1745
Family Restaurants	130	185	452	409	563	3.63	1739
Service Industry	134	225	628	414	288	3.29	1689
Small Business	47	78	279	475	884	4.17	1763
Small Retail	88	133	414	470	608	3.80	1713
Tourism / Hospitality	234	171	398	365	518	3.45	1686
Other (please specify)							168
answered question							1836
skipped question							277

Other (please specify)
Better restaurant options instead of more fast food places.
A Costco and a Trader-Joes! Have to drive to Greenville, SC!
A good balance of all that pay living wages
A real airport that will function adequately to serve present & future needs in the county.
A Waterpark
A year-round Farmer's Market in an indoor space; also, a public transportation system--perhaps some type of on-demand system--would allow people to remain in their homes here
adult bookstore
adult video store
Affordable daily living needs - larger variety; reliable maintenance services
Affordable retail, craft stores
Again, why should I have to travel an hour from my home to make a living? Bring industry here so residents that have been here for generations can stay.
Agricultural Research

Other (please specify)
Aldi's; mid-range chain restaurant like Applebee's or Chili's
Alternate/ Green Energy
Anything that will attract middle class employment
Art Businesses
Art galleries
artist-based
artists
arts
Arts
Assistance to the Aging to remain in their homes
average type factory work
better homeless shelters
Better paying jobs
better selection of internet providers
Bicycle activity support
Big Box Restaurants
bio-tech, high-tech
Businesses and industry that is clean and has a cool factor (for good reason).
businesses promoting child/family activities

Other (please specify)
Businesses with activities for kids/families (example mini golf, bouncy house, etc.)
By Manufacturing, I mean "light" manufacturing
cafeteria for families; jobs
capitalize on the cycling and craft beer industry that appears to be growing in our area and surrounding areas
casual dining restaurant chains
Clean Energy
clean green businesses
Clean industry, manufacturing
Clothing related Retail (limited clothing stores)
Continuing care
Continuing trail way growth
Costco
county / college collaboration for residents - non-credit classes
develop jobs around environment, environment, climate
diverse higher end restaurants
Diverse restaurants (Indian, better Chinese, German, etc.)
Dorms for PARI campus for students/ partner with major schools

Other (please specify)
dry cleaner; shoe repair
Dunkin Donuts
ECUSTA TRAIL!!!
educational outreach
Entrepreneurs work from home types who can work from anywhere
Environmental Solutions, let's be a role model for society!
Environmental sustainability
Equestrian
Establish Call centers with living wages, Promote IT capabilities.
ethnic restaurants
Every one of the above, people need jobs
Expand arts/music...No More Fast Food!!
Fabric store
family camping
family doctors
Family restaurant - not fast food
Focus should be on attracting tourism and white collar / teleworking jobs.
Foundry for casting sculpture. Other art studios open to public
furniture store - need something other than Rice only
Gourmet restaurants
Green industries
Health and Wellness Center
Healthcare, with a non-sedentary lifestyle mindset, (i.e. a more affordable, less intense Cross Fit)
High quality, low environmental impact, high paying companies
High tech business
home care/health coordinators for families
Hopefully "Family Restaurants" doesn't mean more fast food!!!!
Hotels, short term vacation housing, conference meeting space
housing is a market function
How do you define "Family Restaurant"?

Other (please specify)
I don't know what you mean by 'family' restaurants - if you mean more Bo jangles then I would change my answer to Low Priority, if you mean quality restaurants like Hob Nob, Jamie's etc. it would change to High Priority.
I know as a county we need to focus on tourism, but we need to take care of the people who live here year around.
I'd like to see an economic base that is self-sustaining and year round.
Improved internet bandwidth and cellphone coverage
In regards to Industrial - only industry that's consistent with our environmental values
indoor health and recreation
Information Technology - data centers & remote processing industries.
internet based businesses - high priority
internet based support and services
Internet service provider
Invest in education
IT
IT JOBS
Jobs
Jobs for people who live here year around. NOT just tourist jobs that is just for a few weeks.
KFC; Long John Silvers; Cracker Barrel
Labs, research facilities
large industry, that would pay decent wages
leadership
Less bike & runners on our dangerous roads (215) Can't see them in curves & they are 3-4 across where you cannot get around them!
Life Care Facility
light industry
Light, small specialty manufacturing - like bikes, sporting goods, etc. Possibly a call center.
Living Wage employers
Local food/ farm-to-table restaurants
Mental healthcare
Merry Maids or a janitorial service well-advertised

Other (please specify)
More diversity of restaurants. Special food themes like Jaime's did. We have become "little Mexico" to some people due to our dining options.
More Mountain Biking
More opportunities for golfing
More small, affordable shops placed throughout the county to help make neighborhoods more walkable and livable.
More small, locally owned businesses, more outdoor recreational related businesses/manufacturing, more medical
Music -- high priority!
Music/festival venues
N/A
Need to attract Tech Industry - need Infrastructure
Nice economical restaurants
no chain or franchise restaurants
No more fast food restaurants!
No more rails to trails. That land belongs to the land owner if the rail tracks are taken up. We don't need any more bike or hiking trails!
NO SUPER WALMART!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
NOT big agriculture - more small, organic farms
Not fast food restaurants
NOT SURE WHAT ALL OF THESE CHOICES REALLY MEAN
Not your role to pick "winners & losers"
Office/Intuitional
Paid Fire Fighters at all Departments. Some have them now but we need more staffing than just one. We need full crews on hand 24/7
Progress in construction the Ecusta Site.
public transportation
Recreation especially for teenagers
Renewable energy
Retirement care
scientific, research
Service only if paying a living wage
sign control
small farms, clean air, nonpolluting
small industrial
small manufacturing



Other (please specify)
Small outdoor equipment manufacturing, not another Ecusta
small outdoor rec related manufacturing - high priority
Solar manufacturing plant
Some high tech businesses
Somewhere to eat besides fast food restaurants.
sports events (not including biking and running)
Stock yard for farm animals.
Take a look at Asheville- ARTS!
Target instead of Kmart, papas and beer and trader joes!!!!
Taxi and parking
tech manufacturing and startups
technology
Technology industry
technology industry
Technology Industry
Technology industry
Teen Recreation/Services
The more local businesses we have the more money that stays in our local economy. Bringing in big business is necessary for job growth but keep balance.
Therapeutic Recreation Specialist for the County Parks and Recreation
Tractor / Farm Equipment repair shop
Transportation after hours
Transportation for Elderly and Low Income to Dr.
transportation services
transportation services to airports
trolley through town
venues for seniors for socializing
We already have all the above. How much is enough!
We need a large walking Park where large fine arts festivals can be held
We need businesses that provide high paying jobs for many residents!
We need to move beyond reliance on beer and bikes.
Whatever the market dictates. Are we trying to control everything? Stop it.
Would like to see a Walmart Supercenter
YMCA

Response Text	Category
Greenville Hwy.	
215	no more bicyclists
215	Then US 64 between Rosman and the County line to the west.
215	Parkway Road
218 N	
26 thru downtown Brevard	
276	Greenville Hwy. needs to be able to have bike lanes
276	
215	
276	(Greenville Hwy) There are too many accidents on that road. Ecust Rd. needs repaving
276	at Pisgah Forest Entrance needs improved to handle traffic during summer
276	Between Brevard and Cedar Mountain, especially that dangerous drop of on the West side near a shop which I think is called Bear Forge. The drop of has some yellow and black markers.
276	Bike lanes
276	East toward Greenville. too narrow, no bike way and yet heavily used by cars, and bikes
276	from Wilson Rd to state line
276	in Pisgah and 276 intersection from Pisgah Forest
276	Is in serious need of widening to add bike lanes and additional safety improvements, especially the section by Duck pond Pottery where there appears to be a 10ft. drop-off without any guardrail.

Response Text	Category
276	Is very scary when bicycle riders are on the road.
276	Just south of town where the 2 roads go off at an angle. Some very rough spots.
276	Needs a shoulder for all of the cyclist and tourist.
276	Or Greenville highway. Not wide enough for bikes and cars
276 S near Duckpond Pottery is very unsafe in my opinion	
276 Safety- School has stop signs	
276 seems to have frequent accidents, address safety on this road	
276 South	
276 South -- needs to be widened and/or improved with turning lanes	
276 south out of Brevard-narrow, no barricades close to river	
276 south to Cedar Mountain - Huge safety issues when semis must go well into the opposite lane to make the sharp corners with no way to see what vehicles they will meet as they turn these corners	
280 & hwy #64	
280 and 276	
280 area from Walmart to turkey pen.	
280 between town and the Transylvania/Henderson County line	
280 bypass	
280 from Pisgah Forest to North Transylvania Fire Rescue Department	
280 needs a middle lane. Too many accidents there	
280 needs a turning lane...too many accidents	
280 needs to have either a center barrier or center turning lane or speed bumps - slow people down	
280 to county line made safer	

Response Text	Category
280 to Main and Caldwell through to 4 lane to Rosman	
280. Between Walmart and Little Mountain	
280/276/64 intersection in Pisgah Forest	
280---straighten out the curves, make it 4 lanes as it was intended to be several years ago/also have a decent bypass getting to the Rosman Hwy.	
4 lane 64W to Rosman (new cut)	
4 lane Wilson Road	
4 lanes further out Rosman Hwy	
4 Lanes Hwy 64 Rosman to Jackson Co line	
4lane to Hendersonville	
63 past Wal-Mart (turn lane)	
64	4 lanes throughout;
64	
276	
64	
Truck Route	
64	at the top of the mtn.
64	between Rosman and the upper end of the county
64 East/ West/ 215	
64 Hwy. Sapphire to Brevard	
64 in Lake Toxaway area.	
64 in Toxaway	
64 in Toxaway	
64 needs to be expanded. too much traffic for a two lane road	
64 to Hendersonville	
64 W	
64 W	
64 W	towards Sapphire
64 West	
64 west	from Rosman to county line
64 West	from the City of Brevard to the upper end of the county to Lake Toxaway to be Repaved
64 west	of Rosman
64 west	of Rosman
64 West	to Cashiers
64 West	from Rosman to Sapphire
64	widened on the

Response Text	Category
	Toxaway side
64	I'd like to see it become a four lane the entire length. Making 64 a more significant highway, with participation of neighboring counties would open up a direct route to Chattanooga and major highways.
64e	and old Hendersonville Highway
64W	
64W	
64w	west end of county
64w	through downtown Brevard
A bike lane on 276...bikers on the road are extremely hazardous and will eventually result in the accidental death of a driver swerving to avoid one or a biker clipped by a car.	
a Brevard bypass	
A bus route that goes to Asheville area. I find the roads to be very adequate as they are, currently.	
A bypass	
a bypass	
A by-pass	
a bypass around Brevard	
A bypass around Brevard	
A bypass around Brevard in very needed. Highway 64, west of Rosman is embarrassing.	
A bypass around Brevard, not just too downtown business area!	
A bypass around Brevard.	
a bypass around downtown	
A bypass around the center of Brevard so one can get from one end of the county to the other without all the traffic.	
A bypass for downtown	
a bypass for TRACTOR TRAILERS ONLY to get to manufacturing companies on 64 south and 280 north	

Response Text	Category
a bypass from 64 West of town around downtown and Asheville Highway traffic lights	
A bypass of Downtown Brevard	
A Bypass- yesterday	
A continuation of a 5 lane 280 connector to I-26 near Mills River to bypass Hendersonville	
A more direct road from Balsam Grove (Hwy 215) to Brevard	
A new 215 has been discussed for 25 years, it is a safety issue especially for school children on buses, needs addressed.	
A TRUCK ROUTE around the downtown area. Air quality on Broad Street is terrible with diesel smell	
A way to by-pass Downtown Brevard for those who do not need to go to Downtown Brevard	
access to Balsam Grove	
access to Pisgah Forest directly from downtown	
Add a bike lane the length of Wilson Road between Rts old 64 and 276	
Add a turn lane on 280 without reducing the incoming lane to 1	
Add additional lane on Caldwell Street through town or remove 2 lanes going into town down to one lane on Caldwell.	
Add bike lane to Everett road	
add bike lane to some of high use	
Add bike lanes	
add bike lanes	
Add bike lanes and more passing lanes on rt. 276.	
Add bike lanes in those roads the bikers love	
Add bike lanes to 276 if we continue to attract races and bikers	
add bike lanes to both sides of roads	
add pedestrian/bike lane or separate bridge to US 64/76 bridge over Davidson River	

Response Text	Category
Adding bike and pedestrian safe ways for alternative transportation methods that serve individuals and the environment.	
Adding bike lanes on scenic roads. these often are curvy low visibility roads making them dangerous as is	
Adding county roads that are technically private, but have no real maintenance to state maintained roadways.	
Address congestion & safety at the NC 280 / US 276 / US 64 intersection	
AFTER current system is repaired and maintained, then a parallel system to Main and Broad.	
Align Ecusta and Wilson roads, widen Wilson and improve. Wilson/Old 64 is very dangerous intersection	
Align Wilson with Ecusta, straighten Wilson and add bike lane.	
all	
All	
all	
All main roads going through town because of congestion. You wanted tourism and now since it's here the roads are always congested.	
All major and most other	
276	All of
All of them	
All roads need paving- city roads are a mess.	
All the roads. You can't see the lines at night they are so faded. Unsafe.	
Alleviating congested traffic in Brevard	
Alternate/bypass for rte. 280 through Brevard that is not all backroads	

Response Text	Category
An effective by-pass around Brevard for oversized commercial vehicles.	
An elevated 4-lane highway where Wilson Road now runs, connecting 276 and 280	
Ancillary roads need better signs	
Any of the roads ridden mostly by bikers needs to have bike lanes put in.	
Any road that does not have enough extra side area.	
any road that needs bike lanes	
Are you really serious???? Rt. 215 to Balsam Grove.	
Asheville hey	
Asheville highway	
Asheville Highway	
Asheville Highway	
Asheville Highway (280) - major safety concerns need to be addressed	
Asheville highway forks into Caldwell near Brevard College area	
Asheville Highway into Brevard	
Asheville Highway-road to Hendersonville...not sure if I have the right name of it!	
Asheville Hwy	
Asheville Hwy	
Asheville hwy.	
Asheville HWY/280 from Broad Street all the way to Walmart is VERY congested.	
back roads	
back roads of Rosman	
back roads that are dirt	
Balsam grove	
basic maintenance	
better access to Asheville	
better access to I-26	
better control of traffic at main intersections	
Better entrance into Pisgah National Forest	
better parking on Main and broad streets, maybe diagonal instead of parallel	
better road to South Carolina	

Response Text	Category
better traffic flow through Brevard and a bypass possibly through forest land on the west side much like Gatlinburg, TN.	
Better traffic lights, 64 going into town gets backed up because preference is given to country club road and the college intersection also backs up Caldwell street because preference is given to the college. I understand maybe during school hours but during the summer this seems silly and there should be sensors installed to determine what road needs the light.	
better traffic pattern in downtown areas	
Better traffic through town	
Better winter maintenance	
better, more efficient routes through town-- the traffic flow could be improved easily	
Bicycle accessibility on 276	
Bicycle lanes	
bicycle lanes	
Bicycle safety and visibility	
Big bend, Allison road and bake entrance to the hospital	
Bike / Jogging lanes on some roads - Just like a foot of pavement added on some roads.	
bike and hiking paths and roads	
Bike friendly. Many are too dangerous in current state.	
Bike lane on Crab Creek Rd	
Bike lane on crab creek, Talley, and Everett Farm	
Bike lane on Everett Road	
bike lane on Hwy 276 coming up from Caesar's Head to Brevard	
Bike lane on Scenic Byway, 276 in Pisgah National Forest	
Bike lane on US 276. Right now a tragic accident is just around the bend.	
Bike Lanes	

Response Text	Category
bike lanes leading into Pisgah and Cedar Mountain	
Bike lanes on 276	
bike lanes on 276	
Bike lanes on 276	
bike lanes on 276 both south and north	
Bike lanes on 276.	
Bike lanes on 276. Sooner or later either a biker or a driver will be killed in an accident. That is both foreseeable and preventable.	
Bike lanes on as many roads as possible	
bike lanes on congested roads	
bike lanes on frequently biked roads (esp. curvy ones)	
BIKE LANES ON FREQUENTLY USED ROADS LIKE WILSON AND 276	
Bike Lanes on Major Roads	
Bike lanes on major routes	
bike lanes on major thoroughfares	
Bike lanes on old Hendersonville highway	
Bike lanes on roads	
Bike lanes on roads	
Bike Lanes on Roadways	
Bike lanes on Rt 276 south of Brevard, and egress roads to DuPont Forest.	
Bike lanes on the roads and also bike paths (long distance)	
Bike lanes on Wilson Rd and Crab Creek Rd.	
Bike lanes on Wilson Road and Elm Bend Road	
Bike lanes or shoulders on some roads. 215	
Bike lanes so they stay off the main part of the road helping traffic and keeping them safe	
Bike lanes to get bikers off the main lanes	
BIKE LANES TO IMPROVE SAFETY	

Response Text	Category
Bike lanes to improve safety and encourage fitness and nonpolluting transportation	
Bike lanes to improve safety for riders and drivers	
Bike lanes to make it easier to "share" the road.	
bike lanes to provide safe, healthy alternative to expanded car use - LONG overdue	
Bike lanes where they have races since it draws so many to our community	
Bike lanes!	
BIKE LANES!!!!!!!!!!!!	
Bike lanes, and some sort of bypass around downtown Brevard	
Bike lanes, bike lanes, bike lanes.	
Bike Lanes, this is a safety issue	
Bike lanes, widen some current roads	
bike lanes, wider road shoulders	
Bike lanes.	
Bike Lanes.	
Bike lanes. and pull outs in key places for bikes, on roads like Everett Road	
Bike lanes. Aesthetic improvements at 64/280/276 intersection.	
bike lanes/paths	
Bike path access across the Davidson river	
Bike path extension to downtown	
Bike path	on Probart & Neely Roads
Bike path	on Railroad Right of Way
Bike path on Wilson Rd., end to end maybe along the river.	
bike paths	
bike paths	
Bike paths or increased shoulder on roads	
Bike paths or lanes	
bike paths through the downtown area	
bike pathways along heavily traveled road, e.g., into the forest, Wilson Rd. Old Hendersonville Rd.	

Response Text	Category
bike lanes	
Bikes lanes on Hwy 276-Pisgah National Forest, and anywhere road bikers enjoy riding.	
bikeways	
Biking & walking paths	
Bi-pass around Brevard	
Brevard and other communities need road and street improvement	
Brevard bypass	
Brevard By-Pass	
Brevard Bypass	HWY 64
Brevard bypass	it
Brevard bypass	option for traffic moving through the county
Brevard by-pass	to encourage growth toward Rosman
Brevard bypass	with access to industrial parks
Brevard By-pass	
Brevard greenway connection to railroad ave. and on to downtown	
Bridge inspections	
Bridge over Davidson at Hub area	
bridge repair	
Bridge safety	
Bridge Safety	
Bridges	
Bridges	
bridges need more than roads	
Bridges on Everett need to be two lane	
Bridges on Everett Farm Rd	
Bridges throughout the county	
bridges, roads and intersections safely accommodating pedestrians and cyclists	
Briggs hill	

Response Text	Category
Broad and Caldwell intersection by Ingles	
broad and Caldwell streets....improve traffic flow; it's too congested	
Broad St. from Arby's to the high school	
Broad St. And Caldwell need to be made one-way (Broad in and Caldwell out)	
Broad St. around BC and FUMC	
broad street	At Ingles in too congested during daytime.
Broad Street	by Food Lion- dangerous turn lane in to shopping center
Broad Street,	through town and Everett Farm (biking hazards)
Bradstreet	
Build a downtown bypass	
Build bike lanes on the roads. Get the bikers off the main roads. Relieve the congestion on the main corridor through or around Brevard. Fix the ill planned traffic light system in Brevard. (We have turn lanes and not turn signals, and we have turn signals but no turn lanes. SORRY SYSTEM	
Build bike path on railway to Hendersonville	
burnt rd.	
By pass	
by pass	
by pass	
Brevard Bypass not the Caldwell St. truck route, but a real by pass to reduce congestion and keep large trucks off city streets	
Bypass connecting 64/280 and 276	
bypass	
Bypass	
Bypass	

Response Text	Category
Bypass	
by-pass	
Brevard bypass	from PF to Rosman Hwy.
Brevard bypass	including finishing 4 lane to Rosman From Brevard
Brevard bypass	proper
Brevard bypass	
by-pass for commercial trucking from the upper end of the county	
Bypass from Greenville Hwy to Pisgah Forest	
Brevard bypass	
Brevard bypass	
By-pass of downtown Brevard connecting to 280.	
Bypass of downtown to connect Asheville - Greenville highways, and US 64 to Rosman.	
Brevard bypass	
Brevard bypass	
bypass with utilities	
Bypassing the central area of Brevard for thru traffic intending to go beyond Brevard	
bypassing center of Brevard	
Caldwell St.	
Caldwell 'bypass'	
Caldwell St.	
Caldwell St.	

Response Text	Category
Caldwell St. Traffic lights stay red too long when crossing any intersection on Caldwell St.	
Caldwell St.	
Caldwell St.	
Caldwell St.	
Caldwell street and country club in Brevard and main street in Rosman	
Caldwell Street and Park Avenue and French Broad	
Caldwell street gets very congested	
Caldwell Street in Brevard. Still would love to see a by-pass.	
Caldwell street near Food Lion	
Caldwell street widening, with sidewalks	
Caldwell Street, like NOW	
Caldwell widening, with bike lanes	
Caldwell/ Main St.	
Carolina Ave., 178 Pickens Hwy., 64 Lake Toxaway, Town of Rosman roads.	
Carolina avenue needs repaved badly	
Cascade Lake Road	
Cascade Lake Road	
Cathay creek needs paved1 center divides	
Center lane on hwy. 280 right north of Brevard (After Walmart heading out of town) Need a center turn lane	
Center turn lanes on 64	
Changing Caldwell and broad st. to one way or building a bypass around the town	
Cherry Creek Rd	
city and county roads	
city bypass	
City of Brevard Bypass that reroutes traffic away from center of Brevard.	
City streets. Lack of guard rails throughout county	
clear over-hanging trees and branches from the roads	
Compared to South Carolina, we're doing pretty well.	
Complete 4 lane to Rosman	

Response Text	Category
Complete paving the road through Pisgah National Forest to Balsam Grove.	
Complete the bike path in town to connect everything from Wal-Mart to Downtown. Widen the major biking roads with a cycling lane.	
concentrate on the main road-280 from the Walmart area through the downtown area	
congestion in Brevard	
Congestion in downtown Brevard	
congestion on 64	
Congestion through town	
Congestion within the city is getting worse, smoother traffic patterns at key intersections (Caldwell/Main, Neely/64 at Ingles).	
Consistent maintenance on side roads	
Continue improving US-64 in the western part of the county.	
Continue to work on free flow of traffic in and out of Brevard, especially at peak times.	
Continue working on improvements to Caldwell and Broad Streets: make them more pedestrian-friendly and adjust traffic lights to reduce congestion	
Continued bridge maintenance/replacement plan	
Continuing road upkeep	
Continuously maintained roadways	
control flooding on Wilson Road	
Country Club Rd.	
Country Club Rd.	
Country Club Rd.	paving
Country Club Rd.	Needs resurfacing.
Country Club Rd.	
Country Club Rd.	From 64 (Sunset Motel) to the bridge just below the high school.

Response Text	Category
Country Club Rd.	from beginning to beyond Brevard Health and Racquet Club
Country Club Rd.	from Shepard's Square past the Racquet Club
Country Club Rd.	is in need of repaving
Country Club Rd.	paving
Country Club Rd.	re paved heavy duty to handle school bus traffic
Country Club Rd.	
Crab Creek Rd.	
Crab Creek Rd.	
Crab Creek Rd.	
creating a nice safe way across 64 from the north (balsam grove etc.) on to Rosman and the nice southern roads to south Carolina	
cycling lanes on major cycling roads (Everett, 276 to DuPont, 276 to the Parkway)	
Dangerous drop off on Hwy 276, before the pottery store and kayak rental location. badly needs guardrail	
Davidson River and Indian Creek	
Decrease congestion on main highway	
dedicated bike lanes throughout the county	
defiantly	
Developed the roads into Brevard and surrounding communities into the huge wheel/spoke design.. Centralize cent of Brevard close to the area of Pisgah National Forest.	
Difficult as many roads are deteriorating rapidly	
Direct road from Balsam Grove to Brevard	
do not know	
Do not know	
Don't drive enough in the county to make an informed recommendation	
Don't know	
Don't know	
don't know	

Response Text	Category
Don't know enough about the entire county; would say any bridges that are now rated "D" or worse	
Don't know, but the expansion of Caldwell makes any sense to me at all.	
Down town	Needs white lines now.
Down town using up your whole lunch break.	, something needs to be done about traffic flow through there. Now that tourist are visiting more you can go anywhere quickly. If you work on the north end of broad street you can't get anywhere for lunch without
Downtown	
Downtown area in general	
Downtown bypass	
Downtown bypass or restructuring existing roads to accommodate increasing traffic	
downtown congestion	
Downtown loop	
Downtown main roads	
Downtown- Main street/All of downtown	
Downtown parking	
Downtown. It's a nightmare trying to get around.	
Driving down Country Club Drive is a nightmare. They have patched it but it is not enough.	
easier to get through downtown, especially during school times	
East fork	
East Fork Rd	
East Fork Road	
East Fork Road	
East Fork Road	
East Fork to Middle fork need a light or indicator need a light or indicator to let oncoming traffic know someone is turning.	
East Fork/Pickens Rd	
East French Broad and Wilson road	
East French Broad St	

Response Text	Category
east west corridor	
East fork	
Ecusta "rails to trails" path would give our many road bikers a safe place to ride. Just do it! Forget about adding bike lanes to our roads. They are already too skinny and without adequate shoulders.	
Ecusta Bike Trail to Hendersonville	
Ecusta Rd/Wilson Rd	
Ecusta Road	
Ecusta road railroad crossing	
Ecusta Trail	
Either don't allow bicyclists on the roads or add bike lanes...the bikes are a huge safety hazard and a nuisance!	
Either get bike lanes or ban the use of bicycles on roads altogether. It's not only incredibly dangerous, but it's also very frustrating as a driver because it really blocks traffic, especially on Highway 276 between Brevard and Cedar Mtn.	
Eliminate one lane bridges	
Eliminate the few parking spaces that squeeze two lanes down to one lane on Asheville Hwy and Broad St.	
enhanced maintenance	
Ensure bridges are safe	
Everett Farm road single lane bridges.	
Everett needs a bike lane	
Everett rd.	
Everett rd. one lane bridges	
Everett Rd repave and widen	
Everett Rd repave and widen	
Everett road	
Everett Road	
Everett road paving / potholes	
Everett Farm Rd	
Everett Road	
Everett Road	
Feasible bypass around Brevard	
fix potholes, make paving even, fix edges that have broken off many side roads, employ locals instead of Mexicans	

Response Text	Category
FIX THE POT HOLES	
Fix the pot holes on multiple roads in the county	
Fix the pot-holes	
Fix what roads we do have	
Fix what we have	
Flow of traffic thru downtown Brevard. The project ~6 years ago encouraging northbound traffic on Broad and southbound on Caldwell was a failure. I sometimes wonder if the state people responsible for this project ever visited Brevard. Is it time to make the core downtown area a pedestrian mall? Please don't copy what Hendersonville did with its Main St. What a pathetic joke!	
forget the roundabout in front of the college	
Four lane highway from Pisgah Forest to Hendersonville	
Fox hollow	
fox hollow road	
Franklin Street	
French Broad	
Frozen Creek Road and Old Toxaway Road	
Get Biker OFF our mountain roads	
Get heavy volume traffic OFF of roads not designed for it, like Parkview Drive.	
Get the annoying cyclers off the highways	
Going through town is a nightmare!! the upper end of the county needs better roads	
Gravel part of Cascade Lake Road--from Hart Rd to the dam	
Green Road- flooding	
Greenville Highway	
Greenville Highway. This is a very narrow road that is a popular ride for cyclists. It is becoming increasingly dangerous to drive AND ride without bike lanes.	
Greenville hwy.	
Greenville Hwy	
Greenville hwy.	
Greenville Hwy.	

Response Text	Category
Greenway loop to take some bikes off the road and people out of cars onto bikes	
greenway, to provide a way for bikes to be safely used as transportation... take bikes and cars off main roads	
Guard rails	
guard rails all along 276/river side	
Guard rails on Wilson Road	
Hanna ford road is rough and needs help	
Hannah Ford	
Hannah Ford Rd resurfacing with bike lane	
Have crosswalk lights changed to automatic instead of having to push the button	
Hendersonville Hwy	
Hendersonville Hwy, needs more lanes	
Hey 64	
Hey 64	
High Speed Connectors.	
highway 178 to S.C. and 64 west	
highway 215	
Highway 215 needs to be made wider	
Highway 215 short cut to Brevard	
Highway 215 to Balsam grove	
Highway 215b	
highway 276	
Highway 276 South	
Highway 276 South to Greenville	
Highway 276...needs bike lanes!	
highway 280	
Highway 280 to 64	
Highway 280. Very dangerous road for crossovers.	
highway 64	
Highway 64 - #1, and all main roads in and out of our county	
Highway 64 between Rosman and Sylva	

Response Text	Category
Highway 64 bypass around Brevard and improved to Lake Toxaway	
Highway 64 East to multi lanes	
Highway 64 in and out of town - bypass	
Highway 64 needs to be straightened and improved	
highway 64 through town	
Highway 64 to Hendersonville needs more than the turn lane that was added	
Highway 64 West of Brevard	
Hudlin Gap to Walmart needs widening with turn lane in middle	
Hwy 178	
HWY 178	
hwy. 178	
HWY 178	
Hwy 178 and 276 Roads to SC	
Hwy 215	
hwy. 215	
Hwy 215	
Hwy 215	
Hwy 215	
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Hwy 215	
HWY 215 connection to Pisgah Forest	
Hwy 215 from Hwy 64	
hwy. 215 to Balsam Grove	
Hwy 215 to Balsam Grove	
Hwy 215 up to the Parkway	
Hwy 215!!!! Regular vehicles, school buses, bike riders.....none are safe on this road!	
Hwy 215, Hwy 276 and Hwy 64W	
Hwy 218 to Balsam Grove, Hwy 64 W to Cashiers	
Hwy 276	
hwy. 276	
Hwy 276	
Hwy 276	
HWY 276 S TO GREENVILLE SC	

Response Text	Category
Hwy 276 safety	
Hwy 276 south of Brevard could use some safety enhancements.	
Hwy 280	
Hwy 280	
Hwy 280	
Hwy 280 between Walmart & Little Mountain should have a turning lane to make safe	
Hwy 280 improved from Little Mountain to Hwy 276	
hwy. 280 in Pisgah Forest is dangerous. Needs speed control, signs to warn of hidden drives, and turn lanes.	
Hwy 280 through Brevard	
Hwy 280-Little Mtn	
Hwy 280--on the way into town--cracking and potholes	
Hwy 64	
hwy. 64	
Hwy 64	
hwy. 64	
Hwy 64	
Hwy 64 a 4 lane. Too many deaths along that stretch.	
hwy. 64 between Brevard and Hendersonville	
Hwy 64 between Pisgah Forest and Hendersonville	
hwy. 64 between Rosman and lake Toxaway	
Hwy 64 between Rosman and the Jackson County Line	
Hwy 64 between Rosman and Toxaway	
Hwy 64 Brevard bypass.	
Hwy 64 bypass	
hwy. 64 bypass downtown	
HWY 64 by-pass of Brevard	

Response Text	Category
Hwy 64 coming into town from Pisgah Forest	
HWY 64 EAST TO HENDERSONVILLE	
Hwy 64 from Brevard to Hendersonville.	
Hwy 64 from Brevard to the Henderson County line	
HWY 64 from Harmony Corner to the Jackson County line!	
Hwy 64 from Jackson County to Brevard to include 4 lanes from Rosman to Brevard on existing right of way	
Hwy 64 from Rosman to County Line	
hwy. 64 from Rosman to Jackson to be a 4 lane	
Hwy 64 in Lake Toxaway	
Hwy 64 Rosman to Toxaway	
Hwy 64 thru downtown	
Hwy 64 toward Sapphire & Lake Toxaway areas	
Hwy 64 W past Rosman	
Hwy 64 West	
hwy. 64 west	
Hwy 64 west	
Hwy 64 west from Rosman to the Jackson County Line	
Hwy 64, Hwy 281, US 178	
Hwy. 178 down to S.C.	
HWY. 215	
Hwy. 64 to Hendersonville widened	
Hwy-215	
hwy-215	
hwy-64	
Hwy-64	
hwy-64 western portion of county	
Hwy 215	
HYW 276	
I didn't think the county had much say in road construction.	
I do not have any road improvement concerns	
I don't know	
I don't know enough to say	

Response Text	Category
I don't think any road plan needs to change. Our county is ok the way it is. Unless we are going to encourage large industry in we just need regular maintenance to keep roads neat and safe	
I don't use any that I can think of that need improving	
I haven't driven any roads that seem torn up or damaged...although I think bicycle traffic and elderly drivers causes congestion and can be dangerous.	
I like the idea of bike lanes because this is such a huge cycling area. It would also allow for employees to consider cycling to work. Making the county safer for walkers and cyclists wouldn't be a great plan everywhere, but seems like it would pay dividends here.	
I think certain busy roads should not be allowed for recreational cycling - only less traveled roads should be for cycling	
I think, for the most part, the up keep and maintenance is done well, but need to continue, obviously.	
I understand it is hard to maintain a road that serves both the public and massive tractor trailers, certain areas I think get more attention than others. Brevard for example, look at the side of town that is in the lower income district, then look at the other side of town (Geographically, if you were to split Brevard by sides of Broad street. The pot-hole per mile of roadway ratio is very disproportionate. The side of town where the Police department is, versus the side of town where Silvermont has way more potholes and bad road infrastructure). Seeing a few more roundabouts would also be nice.	

Response Text	Category
I would like to see current roads maintained better (less potholes). :)	
I would say probably Highway 215	
idk	
If the folks moving in here think we have too much congestion just let them spend a week in Atlanta or Miami or DC or LA. When they get back from that week this place will feel like a walk in the park.	
if we insist on having bicycles bike paths along the roads are necessary	
Improve Caldwell Street. Build Brevard bypass	
Improve drainage or elevation of road that continually flood- Green Road- Hannah Ford - Island Ford	
Improve planning on the SR276 entrance to Brevard which is becoming an eyesore of fast food and gas stations.	
Improve safety for pedestrian and bicycle travel on big roads to allow people to come into the city/schools. I.e. Rosman Highway bike lane/276 barrier between Elementary School and traffic with all children walking home (scary).	
improve safety on 280 toward Asheville	
improve traffic flow from Pisgah Forest to West Brevard	
Improve Wilson Rd. as Bypass	
improve/widen Hwy 64 all the way through the county	
Improved left turn lanes and signals at Main & Broad in Brevard	
Improved public transportation	
Improvement in secondary roads; NO NEW ROADS OR BYPASS!!!	
improvement of existing roadways and the addition of bike lanes to those roads	
Improvement of Highway 215	

Response Text	Category
Improvements on 280 between Walmart and base of Little Mountain.	
Improvements that allow cyclists and motorists to safely use our mountain roads.	
Improvements to HWY 64	
Improvements to the back roads, where people live, walk, bike. Those without sidewalks.	
improvements to Wilson road as possible by pass of downtown	
In the City of Brevard, the potholes demand attention.	
In town roads	
Increased safety on 280	
Indian Creek, Balsam Grove intersection at Pisgah Forest PO	
Intersection going into Pisgah Forest - Rtes. 64/280/276	
Intersection of Broad and Main needs turning lanes and lights for vehicles and safer pedestrian crosswalks	
Intersection of Ecusta/Old Hendersonville/Wilson roads - realign Wilson with Ecusta.	
Intersection of S. Main St., Caldwell St. and 64 west Rosman hwy. Dangerous, too fast coming off of 64 West	
Intersection of Wilson Rd. and Old 64 needs traffic control.	
Intersection of Wilson road & Old Hendersonville Hwy. It is dangerous to turn left or right coming off of Wilson Road	
Intersection to 280 and 276	
island ford	
Island Ford- lots of pot holes and deep ditches	
Island Ford Road	
island ford road	

Response Text	Category
Island Ford. TOOOOO many large none aug truck use this road as a cut thru. Causing danger to bikers, walkers and children. I was nearly hit by two Logging trucks...never should be on this road as well as sightseeing busses. Island Ford needs to be widen and the speed reduced.	
It is ridiculous to have over 15 traffic lights from Walmart to the Courthouse. Can we improve that?	
It would not be feasible to have bike lanes everywhere. On the bike routes it would be helpful to have a bike lane every couple of miles.	
Jeter men	
Just keep the roads maintained and keep the bikes off our roads!	
Just more biking and pedestrian friendly roads	
just the fact u understand that road need to be maintained is a step in the right direction...planning takes forever with the state so the earlier u start the better	
Keep mountain roads especially the main highway in good condition.	
Keep up with paving.	
Keep up with the paving and general road maintenance	
lack of surface damage	
Lake Toxaway	
lane lines on 64/276 - these are so difficult to see at night and when raining; must be v difficult for tourists	
Large trucks should be required to use Caldwell and not Main St.	
less tourism	
Greenville Highway (276)	
Light at the Park Ave/French Broad intersection	
Light rail	
Lower section of NC Hwy 215	
Main & Broad intersection turn lanes	
main highways	

Response Text	Category
Main street	
main street in Rosman	
Main Street in Rosman! Country Club Road is horrible....both immediately.	
Main Street, but really all around downtown Brevard in general	
Mainstreet- it's so hard to turn left off of any direction when there is traffic not to mention the road itself needs work.	
Maintain current road system.	
Maintenance of current roads; something to keep bikers off our current roads so that we can get around in our vehicles!	
Maintenance of existing roads.	
Maintenance on the ones we have!!!!	
Maintenance, especially bridges	
Make a sustainable plan for routine maintenance of existing roads	
Make Caldwell and Broad Streets one way through town	
Make Caldwell one way in one direction and Main one way in the opposite direction	
Make South Broad St one way and Caldwell street the other way	
Make the Bikers pay Licensing fees to provide bike lanes (they are using our Road for Free) and inconveniencing us!	
Make Wilson Rd Safer	
Make Wilson Road wider so people don't cross the yellow line so often and more room for bikes.	
Many roads need to be wider or made one way. congested intersections	
McClean? The one by Burger King--clean up the mess-better route for school traffic.	
Minimizing traffic signals and four way stops.	

Response Text	Category
more attractive gateways and greenways a to our cities and county (less strip malls and overhead lines	
More bike lanes	
More bike paths on some of the major roads (i.e. Rat/ 276, Rt. 280, and Rt. 64)	
More Bike-Friendly features	
more frequent maintenance of surfaces of existing roads	
More guardrails	
More Passing Lanes on Route 64	
More pull off on Rat 276 south - or better signage to show how far it is until the pull off	
More reflector lights on secondary roads	
More road maintenance outside of Brevard.	
More road shoulders	
More roundabouts. Reduces congestion, accidents, and need for traffic lights.	
more timely traffic lights in Brevard	
Morgan St.	
Most bikers in TC use the roadway and refuse to use bike lanes. Therefore, construction of passing lanes is a better option than bike lanes.	
Most of them	
multi-lane road to Greenville	
Must reduce speeds throughout downtown Brevard; through the incorporation of speed bumps if necessary.	
Nancy Mountain Road	
NC 215	
NC 215	
NC 215	
NC-215	
NC-280 needs turning lane as proposed by NCDOT	
Need a bypass from NC280-US64 to South US276 at Wilson Road.	
need a road from Brevard to I-26	
Need a road that connects Wilson Rod to Broad St.	
Need bike lanes to make it safer for public.	

Response Text	Category
need to fill in pot holes and fix bridges	
Neely Rd. Bike/ Walk friendly	
Neely Rd/ Chestnut St.	
Neely road	
Neely Road	
Neely Road and Wilson Road	
New pavement to existing roads, installation of guardrails everywhere there is a drop off.	
No additional roads required, just maintain the ones we have, and time the traffic lights. No roundabout!!!	
no answer	
no opinion	
No opinion...	
no roundabouts, please	
None	
none	
None	
none in particular but then again I do not drive much and may not see needs that others see	
None that I can foresee	
None. The roads here are fine. Go to a large city and you will appreciate the roads here. The only issues are potholes.	
None. Start using the railroad again	
North broad from downtown to BRCC. This is the gateway to Brevard and needs to be upgraded for visual appearance and to reduce congestion.	
north Country Club Road	
NOT a bypass!!! Stupid idea. We have a slight thickening of traffic around 3 to 4 each day. That's it. Deal or plan to drive through town at another time. If you put in a bypass, all the main street area business are toast. Forcing people to drive these streets keeps those businesses open.	
Not known to me	



Response Text	Category
Not so much a road improvement, but the culture of "widen and bypass" needs to be taught the counterintuitive downsides of these approaches.	
Not sure	
Not sure!	
Off-roadway bike paths to connect Pisgah Forest to downtown Brevard	
Old 64	
Old 64 East	
Old 64 four-laned	
Old 64 from Penrose to Chestnut Street, so much has been done & repairs are horrible.	
Old and New 64 both East and West of Brevard.	
old Hendersonville highway	needs to be resurfaced
Old Hendersonville Hwy	
Old highway 64	
Old Highway 64	
old Hendersonville Hwy	
Old Hwy 64	
Old Hwy starting at Chestnut St.	
Old Rosman Hwy	
Old Toxaway	

Response Text	Category
Old Toxaway	
Old Toxaway	
Old Toxaway	
Old Toxaway, 64	
Old Toxaway	
one way loop AROUND downtown Brevard; make Main & Broad intersection non through streets	
One way traffic through downtown	
Osborne Rd is heavily congested with walkers, a sidewalk would improve safety of citizens.	
Osborne Road--REALLY needs a sidewalk!! Lots of pedestrians	
Our roads are nice, look in other areas of the country and you will see how nice our roads are.	
Our roads are not safe for drivers and people on Bikes. Create Bike lanes and enforce their use.	
Overall repair and safety maintenance, and improved routing for congested areas.	
Parkway access from Brevard	
paths - more bike paths, relating to	
pave Cascade Lake Road from Hart Rd to Pickelsheimer's estate- this gravel road is always washing away and very narrow	
pave Golden Rd, not just chip and tar	
pave Rosman and fix stupid Brevard who ever came up with that traffic pattern needs shot	
Pave the bad roads with much holes and cracks...highway to Balsam Grove straightened	
Paving	
Paving Cascade Lake Rd.	
Paving Maple Street, perhaps extending sidewalk/path from library to Gallimore on Maple St	
Paving roads	
Ped/bike path to music center/Bracken Mtn.; Ecusta rail to trail project	
Pedestrian access	
Pedestrian friendly downtown.	
Pedestrian/bike!	

Response Text	Category
Personally, I think bicycles shouldn't be allowed on the bicycles at all, because it's too dangerous and a big aggravation to drivers. But if we are going to have bicycles on roads, we should have bike lanes.	
Pickens highway	
Pickens Highway US 178	
Pisgah forest intersection of 64, 280 and 276	
Places where the cyclists can ride, without almost getting hit, and making traffic worse	
Planning for those who walk and bike. I don't currently feel safe.	
Possibly a way for through traffic to pass through the center of town more efficiently	
Possibly something to help with Traffic backing up into Pisgah Forest from the 64/280/276 intersection.	
Possibly use roundabouts instead of lights along 64 at certain locations.	
Pot hole/ side of roads repair	
pot holes	
Pot holes and patching	
Potholes	
power lines underground - Broad St made	
Probably 215. Haven't been up that way in a long time, but last time I was, it needed help.	
Probably 64 as a whole or at least through town	
Probart	
Probart	
Probart - Road to Music Center	
Probart St	
Probart St.	
Probart St. in Brevard	
Probart street	
Probart Street and Music Camp Roads	

Response Text	Category
Probart Street is highly dangerous in its current state with the levels of traffic and the number of walkers and bikers	
Probart street needs sidewalks, bike lanes, speed-bumps the entire length from Caldwell to Cashiers Valley for the safety of the community and Brevard Music Center campers.	
Probart Street sidewalk and bike trail	
Probart walkability and Bikeability , make it one way, half for bikes and peds. Low cost solution to dangerous situation.	
Public transport to mills river and Hendersonville	
public transportation	
Public Transportation	
Public transportation within the County	
public transportation within the County especially Brevard	
Put bike lanes on existing roads that are heavily traveled	
Put public transport or light rail between Rosman/Brevard/Arden/Asheville (maybe even Hendersonville)	
quicker access to Asheville	
quit putting up unnecessary guard rails, you wasted so much money in places that did not need them	
Rails to trails bike trail Brev. -> HVL	
Reroute Hwy 215/down through Cherryfield. Which would make a 30 min/drive into 10/min drive	
Rebulld NC 215 that was planned years ago	
reduce congestion downtown immediately	
Reduce congestion in downtown Brevard	
Reduce congestion on Caldwell and Broad	
Reduce congestion on Hwy 64 especially between Pisgah Forest and Brevard at NC280	
Reduce speed limit on 276	

Response Text	Category
Reflectors. With the amount of rain we get on summer nights it blurs the lines on the roads.	
regular maintenance	
Relief for traffic congestion in Brevard, especially during summer	
Relief from downtown congestion	
relief of congestion	
repair bridges/maintain and improve traffic flow	
repair of all current roads	
repave French Broad St	
Repave not patch ALL main roads in the county	
Repave Probart! Sidewalks, too - for BMC students! This road was nicely repaved but is now so damaged by cuts and bad efforts to cover those cuts. Not a good impression for visitors to the BMC Music Camp. Road should be widened also!!	
Repave/ widen US 64	
Re-paving	
repaving current roadways and improving them	
repaving existing roads and adding guardrails	
Repaving primary roads and trim roadsides.	
Repaving streets in downtown Brevard! Getting rid of manhole bumps etc.	
Repaving.	
Replace RT 215- Better access to Balsam Grove and Blue Ridge Parkway	
replace the two one-lane bridges in Little River and cut back the bank at the corner of Hart Road and Everett to improve safety	
Repatching Island Ford Rd	
Reserved bike lanes	
Resurface Ecusta Road	
Resurface roads west of Caldwell St	
Resurfacing of current roads that are in desperate need. So many secondary roads....	
Resurfacing Roads	

Response Text	Category
Return Blue Ridge rail service to Hendersonville and Brevard and Asheville	
Rework Cascade Lake Road - it is soooo dangerous and neglected! Needs widening, mowing, and better grading	
Rich Mountain Road	
Right in front of Ingles and BMS	
Road # 215	
Road and bridge maintenance projects deemed necessary.	
road between Walmart and mills river, it is very dangerous right now	
Road safety is a major concern, especially in areas such as Little Mtn	
road surfacing, addition of bike paths along roads through town, bike path along 276s	
Road that goes by Ingles and K-Mart	
road to Balsam Grove	
road to balsam grove that was previously planned	
Road to Brevard Music Center	
Road to Brevard Music Center. The kids need a sidewalk to walk into town. The road is dangerous for walkers.	
Road to Lake Toxaway.	
Road(s) leading to the county seat need trees, wider sidewalks, medians, landscaping, bike lanes	
road215	
Roads in Brevard city limits need much repair and repaving.	
roads in city of Brevard are in terrible shape and this reflects poorly on us	
roads in worst condition and keep them maintained keep highway funds for all roads IN highway account	
Roads that buses have to travel on.	
roads to move traffic around Brevard	
Roads used to get into and out of the county--Rt64 and Airport Rd	
Roads within the city limits.	

Response Text	Category
Rosenwald Hill	
Rosman : main street	
ROSMAN HIGHWAY	
Rosman highway	
Rosman Highway	(highway 64 west) all the way through
Rosman Hwy	in Lake Toxaway
Rosman to Cashiers	
Roundabout in front of Food Lion/College	
Roundabout on Railroad Avenue	
276	
276	
276	It is heavily used by cars and bikes.
64	
64	
64	Brevard to Lake Toxaway
Route 64	is heavily traveled. It needs great maintenance and as much safety as possible.
Route 64	needs to be improved
Route 64 to	Hendersonville made into 4 lanes
Routine maintenance	
routine maintenance plan	
routine repair and maintenance program	
Routine road maintenance	
64	
Rte 64 and Caldwell	
Runoff problems on some roads like Hwy 64 between Rosman and Lake Toxaway creates large ditches that can be dangerous	
Rural bridges especially near Rosman and the higher end of the county	
Rural roads	
Rural roads	
safe bike ped passage across Davidson River at/near US 64	
Safe cycling / walking lanes or separate paths	
safe sidewalks on business 276/64 from Pisgah forest entry at 280 to end of Brevard/county business area on Rosman Hwy	
Safe, adequate bridges	

Response Text	Category
Safer conditions for bicycles on Hwy 276	
safer roads for bikes	
safer travel to and from mountain/recreational areas	
safety for pedestrians, and cyclists, straightening roads, occasional bike lanes for motorists to pass cyclists	
Safety improvements	
safety improvements for multiuse	
Safety improvements to roads and bridges	
safety improvements to Wilson Road	
Safety on 280. Too many people have died on little mountain.	
safety on mountainous roads	
Separate lanes for bicycles so I don't accidentally hit the dumb ones on 215	
Several within downtown	
Shoulder area for slow drivers to pull off	
shoulders	
Shoulders and bike lanes for cyclists on 276 and 280	
Shoulders on 276 for safety and bikers	
Shoulders to roads where bike riders frequent. We are attracting more people and some of our windy roads have no shoulders. Very dangerous	
Side Roads	
Sidewalks for students at Brevard Music Center on Probart	
Sidewalk - Probart Rd	
sidewalk on Probart	
Sidewalk to the Music Center-- would connect Bracken Mountain Trails for runners and others.	
sidewalk/bike lane to music center	
Sidewalk/path beside Probart St. and/or Wilson Rd.	
Sidewalks	
sidewalks	
Sidewalks along Probart Street	
sidewalks and bike lanes	

Response Text	Category
Sidewalks and widening of road or adding bike lane on Old Hendersonville Highway, between Huddle House and Ecusta Road. Very dangerous with people walking and biking there regularly	
Sidewalks in 64	
Sidewalks in high traffic areas in town	
Sidewalks on at least one side of each road.	
Sidewalks on Park , Neely, Chestnut as well as STOP signs	
Sidewalks on Probart and anywhere else they can go!	
sidewalks outside of towns	
Silversteen Ave	
simple maintenance	
Slow down traffic through Brevard on Broad St. reroute 276 traffic away from downtown	
slow traffic at the intersection of Enon and 64 - major crash site	
slower traffic downtown, Wilson road and old Hendersonville highway intersection, traffic lights for traffic crossing broad street should be shorter in length	
Small bridges are cracking and run down like on Hart Rd., etc.	
Some kind of median on our 4 lanes where many accidents have occurred	
Some parts of the roads leading up from Wilson road on to Williamson Creek need some TLC in particular	
some type of bypass around Brevard	
Something needs to be done about all the bikes on the road it's dangerous for them and the people driving, so I think bike lanes on roadways are a must	
SR64 thru town	
standing water and hydroplaning risk on Asheville Hwy	
State Highway 215	
Stop lights at all the schools entrances	

Response Text	Category
Straighten and improve Hwy 64 in the mountains	
straighten Ft 64	
Streets are pathetic	
Streets in the city of Brevard need repaving	
Sustained maintenance and construction of local and state roads. No interstates are needed !	
Sylvan Valley Bypass.	
Take away politically motivated choices and make improvements that are necessary even if it increases taxes.	
Take care of the roads we have	
Take care of what we already have, make improvements so heavy summer and fall traffic flow due to tourists and cyclists can be safe and stress free	
take out the one-way bridges (i.e. make them "two-way" . . .)	
Teach old people and visitors to move over and let folks with somewhere to be pass	
the 4 lane near Food Lion	
The addition of bicycle lanes	
The addition of bike lanes	
The addition of bike lanes.	
the addition of sidewalks in areas where it is unsafe to walk	
The bikes on the road are unsafe, they need a bike lane, no bikes on any main roads	
The Brevard Bypass. Highway 64 in the City limits has been destroyed by red lights and weird traffic patterns.	
The bypass already planned through the Ecusta property will be very helpful for 276/64 congestion in the summer	
the bypass road around downtown and the Ecusta Rd/Old Hendersonville Hwy intersection in PF	
The French Broad River road that by-passes city traffic needs to be widened.	
The intersection of HWYS 64/280/276 in Pisgah Forest	

Response Text	Category
the lights are very poorly timed in the county, resulting in a steady stream of traffic from all directions	
The main highway into town is not very friendly to pedestrians trying to cross it except at a few places. The road to Rosman is high traffic, high speed, and dangerous due to sight lines.	
the main road going through town(280) needs to be widened	
the main roads for the bike races that are being held definitely need bike paths	
The middle of town~!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	
the one lane bridges should be replaced with two lane bridges such as the two one lane bridges that are on Everett Rd.	
The only place I routinely hit congestion is coming north on Caldwell in front of the food lion.	
The roads are sufficient for a decade. Don't cut through the forest to "make 215 safe." If it isn't safe we shouldn't have it open. It is safe if we observe the current speed limits, although it could use some improvements. Use an architect to be sure it remains a scenic byway.	
the recently proposed safety changes (two lanes down to one lane that will become a turning lane) to 280, just north of Forest Gate shopping center	
The road by the Food Lion	
The road from Rosman to Balsam Grove	
The road going from town to the high school is always in bad shape and is seen by a lot of visitors	
The road going to Balsam Grove	
The road through the Forest that connects to Clinic Road in Balsam Grove.	
The roads are fine.	
The roads around Brevard Middle School are getting rough	

Response Text	Category
The secondary roads in the county. Also the road that goes up to Balsam Grove.	
The section between little mountain and Walmart. The large number of fatalities is ridiculous, a turning lane is an obvious solution. Cut down incoming traffic to 1 lane for that stretch. It's worth the lives it will save.	
The western part of US 64.	
there are a number of bridges that need attention	
There is a comprehensive plan already in Raleigh from 2007 or 2008. Use it!	
There needs to be a pedestrian bridge or bike lane across the Davidson River at the intersection of 64 and 276.	
There needs to be a sidewalk on Probart that extends to the music center.	
Those areas that present immediate hazards, like Silversteen off of Caldwell	
Three way stop at French Broad and Park - an accident just waiting to happen	
through town	
To other parts of County	
To relieve the Congestion in front of Ingles when the middle school lets out	
too hard to pick just one	
Too many to choose from	
Too many to pick just one	
TOWN	
Traffic congestion seems to be increasing every year at certain locations (Ingles, Walmart), changes to traffic patterns or alternate routes, lanes would be great.	
traffic flow & road improvement to Hwy 280. Our main road in and out of town needs to be welcoming to guests and residents	
Traffic lights in town timed better	
Traffic pattern entering and leaving Pisgah at 64/280/276	

Response Text	Category
Traffic signals	
Truck by-pass	
Truck lane in Brevard. This road has too many potholes.	
truck route	
Truck Route	
Truck Route--Caldwell Street	
turn lanes in all congested areas	
turn RR tracks into bike/walk path by old 64	
Turn the roads through town into 1 way roads	
Turn unused railroads to biking lanes between Brevard and Hendersonville	
turning lane by Capps road on 280	
Turning lanes in town especially at the top of Courthouse Hill	
Turnpike Rd.	
Two lane portion of 280 north of Walmart	
U.S. Hwy 64 from Brevard to Cashiers. Forget about the loop if you want tourists to come to downtown Brevard	
uncertain	
Unguarded bridge on Hwy 276 near Duck Pond Pottery	
Update the single lane bridges to double. These are dangerous in the outskirts like Little river. It also causes congestion in traffic.	
178	
178	
276	
276	from town to Cedar Mountain
280	from Pisgah Forest to the other side of Little Mt
64	
64	
US 64	East to county line and hopefully beyond.
US 64 from Rosman to Jackson county	
US 64 needs intermittent passing lanes, but not in the places that would force the road through someone's home.	
us 64 out of Rosman	

Response Text	Category
US 64 through Brevard (especially downtown with Caldwell St.) is infamously congested and has a really hard time keeping up with traffic during the summer months and becomes gridlocked when a weekend festival is going on.	
US 64 West	
US 64 west	
US 64 west of Rosman	
US 64 West(the part that needs improvement is probably outside of Transylvania County)	
US Highway 64 West of Cathey's Creek	
US Hwy's,	
US-64 bypass paralleling Wilson Rd. for the most part.	
US64 W of Rosman	
US64 West of Rosman	
W 64	
Walking lane from South Country to town	
We have "one way" streets going north & south but could use them going east & west to help with congestion in the downtown area	
We have the worst roads anywhere around, should be repaired before building more roads.	
We need a better way to get through the City of Brevard - too congested and takes too long.	
We need to maintain our roads and have a safe place for bikes to ride.	
West loop	
West loop	
West loop (Railroad Ave)	
Western section of US 64	
when you need to go to the homeless shelter, let them go	
Where most accidents/ deaths have occurred...276?	
widen 276	
Widen 276 - with bike lanes	
Widen 276 between Brevard and DuPont	
widen 276 from town to Cedar Mtn	
widen 276 to 4 lanes	



Response Text	Category
widen 276 to include a bike lane	
widen 64	
Widen 64 to Hendersonville	
Widen 64/276 corridor through town	
Widen and improve safety on 276	
Widen and realign Wilson Road, including bike lanes and removing bottleneck at Wilson/Old 64/Ecusta intersection	
Widen bridges on Everett Rd., Turn on the turn light at Main and Broad in Brevard!!	
Widen Caldwell & improve its intersection with Hwy 64 so that merging with traffic is easier	
Widen Cashiers Valley Road	
Widen Crab Creek Road	
Widen existing one lane bridges on state roads to two lanes throughout the county	
64	widen between Hendersonville and Brevard and to Toxaway
Widen Little Mountain on Hwy 280	
widen Old Hendersonville Rd	
Widen roads and dedicate bike lanes	
Widen roads to include bike lanes	
widen rt. 215	
Widen Rt. 276 to include bike lanes	
widen secondary roads	
Wilson rd.	widen
Wilson Rd.	Widen
Widen winding roads to help people navigate them safer so they are not crossing the yellow lines as they go thru curves. Non locals as well as locals struggle with this as I have witnessed many near misses on some roads.	
280	Widening
64	Widening
276	Widening of
276	widening of
Widening of roads for bike lanes.	
Widening of roads, especially thoroughfares.	

Response Text	Category
Widening Rt 64 going toward Hendersonville	
Widening/shoulder vs. curbing along first couple of miles heading from Brevard toward airport	
widening/sight improvement/pavement maintenance of existing roads	
wider bridge & more yield lanes at 280 & 64 intersection	
wider bridges, timely red lights	
Wider Roads with Bike Lanes	
Williamson Creek	
Wilson Rd.	bike/walking path
Wilson Rd.	
Wilson Rd.	either bike paths or do not allow bikes on this road. Very dangerous!!!
Wilson Rd.	flooding
Wilson Rd.	
Wilson Rd.	is very dangerous as is Park/Neely but not sure how to fix them. They are used more each day.
Wilson Rd.	

Response Text	Category
Wilson Rd.	
Wilson Rd.	bikers should not be able to go there to hold up traffic
Wilson Rd.	too narrow by far for construction and concrete and turf hauling vehicles!
Wilson Rd.	(?) the road past the school to Lowes
Wilson Rd.	bike lane
Wilson Rd.	Bypass
Wilson Rd.	flooding
Wilson Rd.	from 276 to Pisgah Forest. Needs to have a shoulder added, bike lane preferably but at least space for bikers
Wilson Rd.	in desperate need of bike path.
Wilson Rd.	is dangerous especially with bikers on it.
Wilson Rd.	needs to be made more safer given the amount of (by-pass) traffic it handles.
Wilson Rd.	needs widening and bike lanes
Wilson Rd.	should be improved to accommodate the high (and increasing) volume of traffic.
Wilson Rd.	should be improved. It could take much traffic from downtown if safer
Wilson Rd.	should have been straightened and improved years ago.
Wilson Rd.	to the Pisgah Forest Post Office/ Ecusta Road
Wilson Rd.	particularly at Elm Bend junction, very dangerous
Wilson Rd.	too dangerous with too many bikes for the blind curves
Wilson Rd.	widening, bike lane, flood control
Wilson Rd.	flooding issue
Wilson Rd	bypass

Response Text	Category
working on improving traffic light -- synching	

10 Minutes for 10 Years of Growth (Sorted Survey Responses)

Q20. What is your favorite activity to do in forests, parks and cultural facilities in Transylvania County?

Answer Options	Response Count
	1749
<i>answered question</i>	1749
<i>skipped question</i>	364

Response Text
1.BMC, 2.Hiking, 3.community events
4 wheeling
4th Friday Walks in the city
adventure with my family
appreciate the beauty
Appreciate the forests, streams, waterfalls & mountains.
Appreciating nature and the environment
Art galleries, camping, and hiking
art shows, concerts, and the like
Art shows, music performances, hiking
Arts
arts
Arts programs
arts, music and hiking
Arts-related events/activities
Attend classical music concerts
attend concerts
Attend events and just be in the parks, forests, etc.
Attend music events
attend Music Festival events, hike, take guests
Attend musical performances both at the music center and the college
Attend Porter Center, attend Music Center, appreciate forest habitat
Attending concerts and hiking
Back Country backpacking
backpacking
Backpacking and Camping
Backpacking, biking
Be There
Bike

Response Text
Bike
hike
bike
hike
Bike
hike
bike
walk
bike and
walk trails
Bike
hike waterfalls
Bike on the path
Bike
Bike
Bike
bike,
hike
camp
Bike
camping
hiking
Biking, Hiking, Music Center, River activities
biking, hiking, running, swimming
Biking, walking
Biking, walking, performance, lecture

Response Text
biking, hiking, swimming, fishing, running, viewing artworks, gallery walks
biking/hiking/walking
Bike
bird watching
hiking
concerts
BMC
BMC and College activities
BMC, summers
BMC/ hikes/ Art Galleries
Boating and hiking
botanical observation
botanizing
Brevard Music Center
hiking
camp
Camp and Hike
camp in non-camping zones
camp in tent
bike
ride
tube
Camp
Camp
hike
camping
camping

Response Text
camping
camping and hunting
Swimming
Camping
Camping and swimming
camping with the scouts
music and Porter Center
camping
fishing
camping,, ,
hiking
driving
enjoying the arts inside and outside
camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, hunting
Classical Music concerts; TC Library; picnics; walks
climb
camp
community theater
Concerts
concerts
concerts
concerts
Concerts, Hike, Sight see, Photography
Concerts, theatre, gallery walks
Cook out w/ family.
Cook outs
cooking out, swimming, driving through when it shows
Cookout
Cook-out, swim, fish
cookouts, waterfalls, hiking
Coon Tree, Camping (need more spots) and sliding rock should be free like it used to be before everybody got money hungry.
Cradle of Forestry
cultural
Curl up with a good book
Cut trees down

Response Text
Cycling
Cycling and music
cycling, hiking
cycling, hiking
Cycling, hiking, camping
Cycling.
Davidson River walk, Brevard Music Center attend events, Brevard College attend events, TC Library attend events and read, CoEd Cinema, Festivals in area attend, Parkway hike, bike path
Day hike-- Dupont, Pisgah, downtown Brevard.
Day hikes
deer hunt
dip
Dirt Biking
dive through, and enjoy the beauty
Do up on the Parkway or plunk a lawn chair in the Davidson for a few hours and read a book.
Dog training
Dog walking, Fly fishing, Music center, Brevard college.
don't use it that much
drive
Drive & hike
Drive and escape to the beauty of nature
Drive by them on the way to Asheville, Hendersonville, or Seneca
Drive the roads, Music Center
Drive through to view spring and fall color
Drive up to Pink Beds
Driving
Due to difficulty walking, I largely avoid these
DuPont
Enjoy being outside!
enjoy hiking and water activities
Enjoy music, arts
Enjoy outside beauty
Enjoy scenery
enjoy the beauty

Response Text
enjoy the beauty of nature
Enjoy the forest with family
enjoy the outdoors
Enjoy the scenery
Enjoy the scenery
Enjoy the scenery
enjoy them without many people
Enjoy time with family
escape
Every now and then/ Family Reunion
Exercise
Exploring the Heritage Museum
exploring.
Family bike rides
family entertainment
family gathering/picnic
Family hikes
Family recreation
Family time
family time birthdays holidays
Favorite - Fish, Occurs most frequently - Hike
Feeding my soul
fish
fish & water boating
fish and hike
fish and run
Fish Hatchery
Fish Hatchery
Fish Hatchery & Cradle of Forestry
Fish, and enjoy dirt roads
Fish, eat lunch at a picnic table, sightseeing on a ride.
fish, hike
Fish,

Response Text
Hike
Walk with my dog
hike
picnic
Hike
hike & bike
Hike & Kayak
hike & picnic
Hike & picnic
hike & see waterfalls
Hike & Sightsee
hike / bike
Hike / Photograph
Hike / walk
Hike 4 wheel
hike AND bike
Hike and camp
hike and climb
hike and drive
Hike and driving
hike and enjoy nature
Hike and enjoy the outdoors
hike and fish
Hike and fish
hike and fish
hike and fish, go to art shows
Hike and go tubing
hike and listen to mountain music
hike and listen to the various music
Hike and listen to various musical groups.
Hike and Picnic

Response Text
Hike and picnic and enjoy the scenery and Gallery Walk
Hike and picnic. Family time
Hike and play near/in river and waterfalls
hike and run
hike and run
Hike and swim
Hike and swim below waterfalls
Hike and swim with family and dogs
Hike and swim with my dog.
hike and visit historic/cultural sites
Hike and waterfall viewing
Hike and waterfall viewing
Hike and/or swim at waterfalls
hike at DuPont
Hike but don't go when there are too many people. It's difficult to enjoy nature with so many people around
Hike in Pisgah
Hike in the forest. Attend concerts at Brevard Music Center.
Hike in the parks/forests. I regularly attend BMC events.
Hike or bike
Hike or fish-when there rivers aren't so crowded :(
Hike picnic
Hike swim
Hike to pretty views
Hike to the waterfalls
hike to waterfalls
Hike to waterfalls
Hike to waterfalls
hike to waterfalls
Hike to waterfalls
Hike to wildflower and waterfall locations
hike with dogs
Hike with family
Hike with family and some hunting
hike with my dog
hike with my dog
Hike with my dogs & family
Hike with my wife, dog and friends
Hike, fish
hike, bike
hike, bike

Response Text
hike, bike and picnic
Hike, Bike and Swim
Hike, bike or walk.
hike, bike,
Hike, bike, and raft
Hike, Bike, Camp
hike, bike, walk our dogs
hike, birding, wildflower id
hike, BMC, TCarts
HIKE, BUT WOULD RIDE BIKES IF BIKE LANES WERE AVAILABLE
Hike, camp
Hike, camp, picnic, explore, and avoid crowded tourist locations.
hike, canoe, passive use
Hike, Drive the parkway
hike, enjoy art & music
Hike, etc.
hike, fish
hike, fish
Hike, Fish, Camp
hike, fish, picnic, fish hatchery, park, walk trails
Hike, general playing in the woods
Hike, Hunt, Fish
Hike, jog, swim, bike ride, canoe, and just BE!
Hike, just be in Nature, slow down, and unwind.
Hike, Mountain Bike
Hike, Mountain Biking, Picnicking
Hike, music , playgrounds, library
Hike, my son plays baseball
hike, photography, picnic
hike, photography/views
hike, picnic
Hike, picnic, enjoy music and other performances
hike, picnic, just sit and enjoy the beauty
hike, picnic, music concerts, Silvermont, LIBRARY, Porter Center
hike, picnic, photography
hike, picnic, relax

Response Text
Hiking and tubing
Hiking and walking
hiking and waterfalls
Hiking bicycling
hiking biking
Hiking biking fishing
Hiking- Enjoy Nature
Hiking golf music center
Hiking in Dupont
Hiking in Dupont
hiking in the forest, performances at cultural centers
Hiking obscure trails
Hiking on foot & having picnics.
hiking picnicking
hiking research attending concerts and plays
Hiking the trails, and swimming in the waterholes
Hiking to high and triple and hooker falls
hiking to see the waterfalls
Hiking to waterfalls
hiking to waterfalls/swimming
hiking trails, fishing
Hiking with dogs.
Hiking with our dog, take photos
Hiking,
hiking, attending concerts, exploring by vehicle
hiking, attending cultural events at the college and library
Hiking, bike trails
hiking, biking
Hiking, biking sightseeing...
Hiking, biking, music at Brevard Music Center and Brevard College, the art galleries.
Hiking, biking, picnics
Hiking, Biking, Tubing, Kayaking, Art Walks, TC Arts events and BMC events
hiking, biking, walking
HIKING, BIRDING, CANOEING
Hiking, birding, photography
hiking, BMC
Hiking, Brevard Community Band
hiking, Brevard Music Center

Response Text
hiking, camping
Hiking, camping
Hiking, camping, concerts
Hiking, concerts
hiking, dog-walking
hiking, driving through forest, concerts
Hiking, fishing
Hiking, Fishing, Camping, Exploring
Hiking, gazing
hiking, jogging
hiking, just being outdoors
hiking, kayaking
hiking, kayaking
hiking, library
Hiking, Mountain Biking
Hiking, Mountain Biking, Fishing
hiking, music
hiking, music center
Hiking, Music Center,
Hiking, music center, concerts at college, theater
Hiking, music venues
hiking, music venues, good restaurants, enjoy beauty of area
hiking, music, plays
Hiking, Photography
Hiking, photos
hiking, pickleball
hiking, pickleball
HIKING, PICNICING
Hiking, Picnicking, Brevard Music Center
Hiking, picnicking
hiking, picnicking,
Hiking, picnicking, Library usage, attending musical presentations
hiking, picnics, hunting
Hiking, primarily to waterfalls
hiking, swimming, boating, fishing
hiking, swimming, mountain biking
Hiking, Swimming, Picnicking, Biking, Tubing, Camping
Hiking, visiting the many water falls
Hiking, walking
Hiking, Waterfalls, Mountain Biking
Hiking.
Hiking.
Hiking. Theater (Brevard Little Theater)
Hiking. Attending cultural events.

Response Text
Hiking. It used to be horseback riding, but bikes now prevent that.
Hiking. Tubing on French Broad
Hiking/ Camping- Water river
hiking/biking
hiking/biking
hiking/biking
Hiking/Camping
hiking/picnicking
hiking/sightseeing
Hiking/trail running, Cradle of Forestry educational programs
Hiking/walking
Hiking/walking
Hiking/Walking
hiking; attending music performances
Hiking; going to Brevard College Fine Arts and Cultural Events and the Brevard Music Center
hoke
horseback riding; hiking
horseback
Horseback
horseback riding
horseback riding
horseback riding
horseback riding
Horseback riding & hiking
Horseback Riding and Hiking
Horseback riding and hiking.
Horseback riding/training. I do less now than ever before because of the concentration of bikes in the forests/parks who go too fast downhill and around curves and do not respect horseback riders. They've made it dangerous for me to train young horses in the public forests/parks that I want to enjoy, too!
Hunt
hunt and fish
Hunt and fish
Hunt and fish
hunt in the Pisgah forest

Response Text
hunt waterfalls
hunt, family picnics
hunt, fish
Hunt, Fish, Hike, Camp
Hunt, Fish, Hike, Picnic, Bicycle
hunt, fish, picnic
Hunt/Fish
Hunt/Fish
Hunting
hunting and fishing
Hunting and fishing
Hunting and walking
Hunting fishing 4 wheeling canoeing hiking biking
hunting fishing hiking
hunting, fishing
Hunting, fishing, camping
Hunting, Fishing, Camping
Hunting, fishing, Camping.
I enjoy driving on the backroads, stopping at picnic areas, cam sites, and hiking.
I hardly go to any of those places
I have a disability that prevents me from many activities.
I live in the middle of one
I love hiking, picnics, and just enjoying the beauty God created for us.
I love to Hunt
I love to walk the paths.
Jog
Jogging
Just be a part.
Kayak
kayak
Kayak
Kayak
kayak down the river
Kayak, bike, hike
Kayaking
kayaking and hiking
kayaking and music listening and library visits
kayaking, swimming, hiking
Kids parks
Leaf look, and picnic
Leaf season

Response Text
leisure
Let kids play, eat lunch
Library, Brevard College, Parks, Forests
listen to music
Listen to music at the Brevard Music Center
Live music
Live music
live there
Looking at views and wildflowers
Looking glass falls
Love exploring these mountains but with small children your choice of activities (hiking, swimming, walking, biking, etc.)are limited.
love to do it all
most all outdoor activities
Motorcycling
Mountain bike
mountain bike and hike
Mountain bike and youth baseball
Mountain Bike or Hike
Mountain bike with my young son
Mountain Bike, Fly Fish, Kayak, Hike
mountain bike, play tennis, swimming holes--can't pick one!
mountain bike, trail run
mountain bike/hike/walk

Response Text
Mountain Biking
Mountain biking and hiking to waterfalls
mountain biking or hiking
Mountain Biking when we are in our second home
mountain biking, hiking
Mountain biking, hiking with the dogs.
Mountain Biking, Hiking, and road Biking.
mountain biking, road cycling and hiking
Mtn bike
Mtn biking
music
Music and sightseeing.
music and swim
Music and Theatrical Performances; Hiking; Biking; Horseback riding.
Music Center
Music Center (Listening to music)
music performances,
Music!
music, and the arts
music, driving
music, picnics, walks
Music. Walks.
Music: play music, listen to music, square dance, clog
music; swimming, hiking
musical offerings

Response Text
Mountain Bike
Swim
eating
camping
driving
swimming
picnicking
Swimming
light hiking
Swimming,
Hiking.
Sycamore flats and
Silvermont tennis courts
Take family to see
take grandchildren to the forest and parks
Take in nature and walk, swim, and wade in rivers. Cookout in the forest, etc.
Take in the beauty, relax & fish; library concerts
take my child to play
Take my grandchildren and play in the river.
Take my kids to learn in the forest
Taking my dog to the waterfalls
tennis - Silvermont
Tennis (Silvermont)
Tennis and hiking
The bike path
The Cradle of Forestry
The rec department because of basketball goals
They are so congested I never go anymore
think
Think.
This is one of my favorite things about living here...my family and I love all of the outdoor activities that Transylvania county has to offer,
To relax and have some free time.
To think and concentrate
too crowded to enjoy any

Response Text
too many to name
Too many summer camps using facilities. Dodge bikes and summer camp children.
tourist leave trash all over so beside that the forest
Trail riding horses
trail run
trail run
trail run & mountain bike
Trail run, hike, camp, and swim!
Trail running
Trails
Waterfalls
trout fishing
tubing
Tubing
Tubing / Canoeing the rivers, hiking, and picnics
Turkey hunt in forest/walking path
urinate
US 64 and US 178
Use of the national park area. Picnic areas and hiking trails along with the Cradle of Forestry.
Use the bike trail behind hospital drive daily both walking & riding. Wish it more safely linked to downtown!
Use the walking trail next to the River going to the Campground
Usually walk near or nearby our own wooded, mountainous property. I like visiting Franklin Park and Silversteen Park to eat my lunch during workdays. Go to Porter Center usually 1x/year.
Varies
Various speakers
View water falls.
view waterfalls
view wildlife and plants
Visit
Visit historical sites such as Transylvania Heritage Museum, cemeteries, and Cradle of Forestry
Visit the mountains, swim in the

Response Text
water, and camp
Visit the river / waterfalls
Visit waterfalls
Visit waterfalls
visit waterfalls
Visit waterfalls
Visit Waterfalls and swim. Picnic and hike.
Visit waterfalls, swim in river
visiting local parks and visiting the fish hatchery
visiting the waterfalls
visiting with grandchildren
volunteer at school job corp
walk

Response Text
Walk
Walk and take advantage of musical opportunities
walk & enjoy the scenery
walk , hike, and library
Walk ,hike and ride
walk / hike
Walk / hike
Walk along the rivers, picnic, wade with the kids.
Walk and enjoy the beauty of mountain living
walk and enjoy the natural beauty
Walk and hike the trails
walk and listen
walk and picnic
Walk around and play in the water with family and friends
walk dogs
Walk dogs every day in different locations
walk dogs, camp, live venue music
walk in forests, attend musical events, theatre
Walk in the forests
walk my dog
Walk my dog
Walk my dogs, go hiking, go swimming
Walk my dogs, rollerblade

Response Text
Walk near rivers, view waterfalls, mountains
Walk on the bike paths and picnics in the forest
Walk on the Davidson River path
walk on trails
walk or music events
Walk the nature trails and historic areas.
walk the trails
Walk the trails
walk with dog
Walk with my dog; need dog park like Mills River
walk, attend library, music, art
Walk, concerts
walk, hike and attend events at college and library
Walk, hike, picnic
walk, paint, fish
walk, photography
walk, picnic
walk, picnic
walk, playing
Walk, relax, decompress
Walk, Ride Bikes, Picnics the River
walk, river boating, picnic
Walk, use the library, go to cultural events
Walk.
Walk/ Hike
Walk/ Picnic
Walk/exercise
walk/hike
Walk/hike, swim, concerts , restaurants
Walk; Attend
walk-enjoy sights and mountains
Walking
Walking & Site seeing

Response Text
Walking , Water, ATV Biking
walking and bicycle riding
Walking and enjoying nature/ musical festival
WALKING AND FISHING
Walking and hiking
walking and listening to music
Walking and relaxing (often with my dog.)
walking and viewing
Walking dogs.
Walking in forests or attending events around town
walking in woods
Walking on trails
walking -scenic beauty
Walking the trails
Walking the trails, picnics
walking trails
Walking trails.
Walking with my children and visit the rivers
walking, art galleries and local shops and restaurants
Walking, being with family.
Walking, cycling, rafting
Walking, hiking
WALKING, HIKING
walking, hiking, biking, library,
Walking, hiking, dog activities
walking, hiking, music
walking, hiking, picnicking
Walking, hiking, picnics, attend concerts at BMC
Walking, hiking, golfing
walking, music programs
walking, music, performances, library
walking, music, the beauty of the area is high on my list
Walking, observing nature.
walking, photography
walking, picnic
walking, picnic, camping
Walking, picnicking, concerts, plays, library
walking, swimming
walking, taking pictures and just enjoying the beauty of this area given to us by God
walking, wading, entertaining grandchildren, musical productions
Walking/hiking

Response Text
walking/hiking
wander/hike
Water
water activities
water fun
water play and picnics
waterfall hikes, pickleball
Waterfall Hikes
Waterfall hiking
Waterfall sight-seeing
Waterfalls
Waterfalls and hiking. Driving on the Parkway and a nice trout lunch at Pisgah Inn
Waterfalls and quaint restaurants
Waterfalls and Rivers
We love walking the countless amounts of trails trying to find small waterfalls and swimming in the river.
White Squirrel Festival. Keep it the size it is
wildflower walks
Wildflower walks
wildlife and nature photography
walk/hike

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Q21. Looking at the next 10 years, please indicate how important each of the following is to you: Other (please specify)

Answer Options	Response Count
Other (please specify)	106
<i>answered question</i>	1749
<i>skipped question</i>	364

Other (please specify)
#1 Consolidate countywide water treatment
1. Businesses with high paying jobs- High Priority 2. New court house- Low priority 3. Zoning- No priority 4. Ecusta trail- Low Priority 5. Maintaining Rail access - High Priority a decent pizza place
A living wage should be obtained by attracting the right businesses that pay higher wages, not mandating a high minimum wage. Minimum wage jobs should be starting pay jobs for young adults who would move into a higher paying position as they advance their training.
A music festival site
Abandoned property cleanup and junk removal
accessibility of affordable healthcare
affordable housing for teachers, fireman, policeman etc.
Appearance of place, specifically burying power and phone lines especially downtown
ASSUME YOU MEAN TO ME PERSONALLY???
Better Internet speeds are essential. More affordable small commercial spaces and better internet will attract small creative entrepreneurs who respect the natural resources of the county, leading to jobs that don't exploit and take more than they give.
Better sidewalk coverage for pedestrians
Better Zoning
bike lanes
bike lanes and rails to trails
Bike lanes on the roads. cell phone coverage
bikers don't use bike/road ways there now

Other (please specify)
Build a parking garage North of old courthouse
Build new Public Schools
Business recruitment depends on the type of business
Can we please afford the housing that is already in our town before we start building new ones?
cellphone coverage
Centralize Brevard near Pisgah National Forest to develop businesses, restaurants, shops, develop "Wagon Wheel/Spoke" roads to center of Brevard for easy access to public.
clean energy
Construct Ecusta bike path - high priority
County owned hospital. Not by Mission or anyone else!!
countywide zoning is needed
Debris removal from French Broad River
Development of Solar Power
Disability access
Do Not Bring BioMass Burning to the County
Ecusta Bike Trail - More Internet Options
ECUSTA TRAIL!!!
Environmental sustainability
Extend public sewer and water beyond Brevard Limits, start with major subdivisions like Connestee Falls.
Fix the rural roads
Forward thinking County Government
garbage/recycling pick-up in county

Other (please specify)
Get the buzz words out of your survey. Living wage, accessibility of healthcare, affordable housing, etc. are little more than liberal talking points! This is exactly what we don't need in this day and age!
Good paying jobs - most of these items take care of themselves
Government Accountability
Great educational system will bring families and encourage businesses to come here
Health and safety of population should be government's major concern
I don't consider sod to be agricultural; I'm speaking of food crops
Improve access to public water and sewer to Nancy Mountain Road
Improved local law enforcement
Industry
Industry
infrastructure
Infrastructure ex. Water and sewer lines
Issues such as economic diversity are very important but should be addressed at the state and federal
It all seems essential to maintaining and growing a healthy community.
Jobs
Jobs
Jobs for local permanent residents.
Jobs for permanent residents NOT Tourist Jobs for a few weeks or any more bike races. They are very dangerous on 215.
Jobs that aren't at a fast food restaurant
Jobs that pay well

Other (please specify)
Jobs that will keep Transylvanians in Transylvania County...hospitality is good, and I welcome visitors, but we are losing our heritage at the expense of bringing people here who want to change the culture of Trans. Co. So sad!
Junk ordinance
Keeping packs of bicycles separated so passing is possible...12-15 in a row makes it dangerous to pass
Larger emergency room staffed with competent people
library
Local Parks - Rosman, Toxaway Area
Maintaining good water quality
Mental Health Care***
More small business starts here
need zoning
Need zoning so developers are protected from undesirable neighbor consequences
no factory farms
No grass farming in rich river soil
no more HUD housing or Section 8 housing
Non-profit support organizations (i.e. SAFE, Haven, etc.)
Not govt's role to impose any of these priorities
offer more hikes w/groups, also planned campouts - environmental awareness comm. building inclusion of all age groups/abilities
off-road bike and walking paths, #1 library
positive youth development
preserving green spaces
PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESS, SHOP LOCAL
Public Events
Public library maintenance; Noise control
public restrooms
Public use gardens would be cool/urban garden downtown
recycling of batteries
Recycling, Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, EMS etc. are already outstanding in the county
Reliable home maintenance services

Other (please specify)
Renewable energy sources - High Priority
Residential development of single families homes, lower priority than multiple family housing.
Return Blue Ridge rail service for tourism and business and cultural offerings
Services for Teens/Recreation Opportunities
Shielding for night lighting. We're starting to lose night skies
Solid Infrastructure
TC needs to care for residents BEFORE catering to tourists
The Water Treatment facility (I believe the City of Brevard might have more control over that) concerns should not be swept under the rug.
This county needs to bring in businesses that will provide high-paying jobs for multiple residents. Government restrictions need to be much reduced.
This was hard to answer because I can't answer just for myself. Even though I am a senior citizen I know how important pre-K programs are, and even though I can afford my own home, I know how important decent, affordable housing is to many who are not so fortunate and the strength of this community lies in the web of support it maintains for all its residents.
Transylvania County needs more places for bicyclists to ride and keep them off the main road. They are a hazard to themselves and to our motorists.
Two things: There are pockets surrounding the county where cell service is simply non-existent. Secondly, rather than animal "control" it would be nice to see more animal "welfare" support in the county. (I.e. TAAG, Human Society, etc.)
Upgrade Transylvania Airport
voting rights and information
We have a poorly rated high school we need to fix that!

Other (please specify)
WE NEED AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE!!!!
We really need our county hospital back from Mission. It was a stupid decision to get rid of the birthing center. Also, Business Recruitment is a poor model that wastes tax dollars on outside entities. We need to engage in small business facilitation locally to allow those already in the county to build our tax base and benefit from tax incentives, rather than take tax dollars from locals and make them victims of tax incentives given to outsiders.
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What is economic diversity??
ZONED development

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Q23. Do you consider yourself...Other (please specify)

Answer Options	Response Count
Other (please specify)	27
<i>answered question</i>	1783
<i>skipped question</i>	330

Other (please specify)	Total
American	7
Appalachian American	1
Caucasian with multiracial family (i.e.: children)	1
Christian	1
Cuban American	1
Does it matter and if so WHY?	1
European American	3
Hispanic/Caucasian	1
Irrelevant question	1
Man of Color	1
Negro	1
No	2
No Answer	1
Past South Sea + White	1
Should make absolutely no difference	1
Southern	1
We are all human - race doesn't matter	1
White	1
(blank)	
Grand Total	27

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Q26. What other comments or suggestions, if any, do you have for making Transylvania County a better place to live, work, and visit?

Answer Options	Response Count
	871
<i>answered question</i>	871
<i>skipped question</i>	1242

Response Text
Move ahead with Hendersonville on Ecusta trail which would benefit all, not just those using it.
County leaders put too much of their time and effort into catering to non-locals who are not trying to make a living and raise their families here. There are no job opportunities for those of us who were born and raised here. All the counties efforts are put into making the area enjoyable for retirees from out of state, bicyclists who clog the roads, and tourists. Retirees have come in from out of the area and bought a good portion of the available land in the county not as a permanent residence but as a vacation home. Property values have jumped to ridiculous levels and young people whose families have been here for generations cannot afford to purchase land or existing housing unless they want to spend the rest of their lives paying off a half million dollar mortgage for a half acre of land. Those of us who do live and work here have to scrape by often working multiple jobs or commuting outside Transylvania County to find adequate jobs to afford a decent standard of living. It is almost to a point that it is impossible to enjoy life because the cost of living is so high you spend all your time working and never get to see the family you are trying to provide for. Bicyclists clog the roads everywhere you turn and make life miserable for those of us who are simply trying to get from point a to point b within a decent timeframe. I have spent most of my time since I was able to drive travelling up and down Highway 215 to Balsam Grove where I lived since my childhood. You cannot make it up that road at a decent pace because around every turn there is a group of bicyclists who travel at speeds so slow that it takes 45 minutes to drive the 8 miles up the mountain. The bicyclists show no respect for those of us who live here and are trying to get to work or get back home. They ride in groups covering the full width of the road and very rarely pull over to let motorists get by. Drivers cannot pass them on most roads they frequent because they are so narrow and winding and someone would end up getting killed. Also, Brevard has become nothing more than a tourist trap. Very few stores sell wares that can have any value to the people who live here. Very few people that I know of really care if they have a stuffed white squirrel or an I LOVE BREVARD tee shirt. You can't even buy a pair of shoes without either going to Wal-Mart or driving to a bigger city like Asheville or Hendersonville.
1 small suggestion- Emphasize & Educate folks to use Caldwell going south & Fr. Broad going North & then- synchronize the lights. Hendersonville does a good job of that.
1) It is time for Renova to make a move on Davidson River Village or sale the land to someone who will actually do something with it (other than a big box). The land is not a benefit to the County as it currently stands and the parking lots are a nuisance to the surrounding neighborhoods because they attract undesirable activities. It is to the point that I would approve of the County seizing the land. 2) Unless somebody can produce a signed contract for using the railway in the next year it is time for the County to push Ecusta Trail with all its power. 3) Expand the water system. Except for the Renova property the only lands suitable for any potential industrial development are outside of water service. That is a deal killer for attracting industry of any size.4) Greenways, greenways, greenways - one of the main ways the County can survive is as a bedroom community for Asheville and Hendersonville. We need to make the County attractive to these people. Young professionals and parents love greenways.
1) The number of summer-time life and running races is way too excessive. City and County need to reduce these. 2) Racing routes need to be published (web or paper) in advance, please.
1) There are so many dogs per capita here that a dog park would be a lovely fun asset! 2) a sidewalk on Probart T. all the way to BMC

Response Text

1. Spend our tax dollars on the things that will generate more tax dollars first. Then spend tax dollars on the things we want when we can afford it. For example upgrade internet, power, water, sewer, roads, and waste disposal, identify and acquire sites for business growth and so forth first. Then only when we can afford to we can spend 20 million + on law enforcement super centers, 10 million + on Libraries, 1 million + on dog pounds, pretty signs, bike lanes, greenways and so on. Don't spend money on these later items first then say we have no money to invest in job growth. 2. The only way to make housing affordable is to create a job environment where the people in this county make a similar wage to those who buy homes from outside the county. As long as people from outside the county will pay more for homes than people in county can afford, housing will never be "affordable". The only solution to affordable housing is job diversity. As a matter of fact the only solution to most of our county's problems is job diversity.

1. Infrastructure, Infrastructure, etc., etc!

2.) A Joint County water authority- Keep local waters here for our use. Don't allow other cities tapping our sources.

3.) Keep our rail line intact- Rail Bank it.

4. Promote our outlining communities.

1. Keep it unique: locally owned shops and restaurants are more interesting than chains, so encourage this.

2. The population is getting older and living longer, and making the County desirable for seniors helps the community. Seniors have money and will spend it locally, helping support local businesses year-round. They require more healthcare, facilities that benefit all and attract an educated and well-paid person.

3. There will likely be no "one thing" that will make the county a better place, and no individual large employer who will make a difference. There are many young folks who can make a good living with their computers, as programmers or teleworkers. As long as these people can have a good education for their children, good recreational opportunity, good healthcare, and a reasonable cost of living, they very well may choose to live here. It is imperative that internet access is sufficient for these people. We do not need a large number, but if there were 500-1000 families that would move here for the lifestyle and need little more than quality education and good internet access, it would be great for the county. Use the existing strengths (beauty, recreation, low cost of living, small town life) and then enhance family needs and internet, you may attract people to the county.

4. Hit singles, do not go for homeruns - no tax credits to attract whales!

1. Recruit businesses that provide a living wage that can support families and move people out of poverty.

2. Provide stick-built affordable housing, not sub-standard trailer parks. Build pride in home ownership!

3. The loss of industry over the years has had a huge, negative impact on our county. Many families have moved away and school enrollment has dropped. My spouse works outside of Transylvania County to earn higher wages. It would be nice to be able to live and work in Transylvania County.

4. Transylvania County is already a great place to visit! Let's make it a better place for people to live and work in year round.

Thank you for providing this survey.

1.) Be more accountable to long time residents

2.) More Job opportunities for High School Graduates/ College Graduates

3.) Too much emphasis on tourism- It doesn't create enough jobs or bring full time residents

4.) Without good paying jobs the only way to raise the tax base is to raise taxes

1.) Connect sewer and water for Brevard/ Rosman.

2.) Make use of the HWY 64 W (between Brevard and Rosman) land for development. There are several large areas that are vacant.

Response Text
1.) Hire a new economic development director. Present staff is ineffective and has not gotten the job done. Let's follow the GSP Airport Model - Build metal manufacturing bldgs. on the Ecusta site and customize once rented. It's a simple proven model- it worked for Greenville.
2.) Develop our beautiful natural resources by improving signage to waterfalls, especially those not on the 276 corridor. There should be a canoe, kayak takeout with small parking lot at each bridge over the French Broad. These basics are sadly lacking if we want to be a 1st class outdoor adventure destination.
A Brevard by pass road is desperately NEEDED!!!!
A less bias newspaper. a little less pc
A lot of people want to make Transylvania County their home but with the lack of business and jobs we lose a lot of potential with those individuals going elsewhere. There is so much potential for us to have eco-friendly business here and we chose to ignore it and rely solely on tourism to get us by. Majority of our population consists of retiree's but again this will not sustain the county forever. Unless we provide solid jobs to bring in people to the area I see Transylvania County slowly fading away. It may not be 10 years or 20 years but it will happen and it will be a sad day for the people that call this place home and rely on people to earn their living here.
A Performing Arts Center
A position to make sure the French Broad and parks are maintained regularly
A real art and music scene should be developed, not curated. Beer is good, but let's create some space for ideological entrepreneurs. Young people here don't have any creative outlet at all. There should be Youth theater and music and poetry programs, visiting artists, environmental artists, permaculture experts...
Too much of Every town in this area is based on tourist MONEY coming in, Transylvania County should set itself apart by creating an explosive place for experimental art work. You don't know how many times an artist in Ashville tells me they wish they could live in Brevard- but there is no place to show their work- no community except for a few commercial galleries. Artists want SPACE to create in, the rest of the process then naturally falls into place. Arts and Culture are a nondestructive way to generate interest our town / County. We need a clean environment and thriving arts community in tandem with our small town feel. This will promote the creation of meaningful commerce and not simply more minimum wage corporate jobs. Walmart and Lowes have destroyed almost every small business in town and given our community nothing but part time (39 hrs a week), low paying jobs. When Brevard Lumber went out of business it was a very sad day, even sadder is the opening of that silly bogus, hyper inflated boring art gallery that took its space. So many young and middle ages artists like myself, dreamed of having a chance to utilize that space to work, show and thrive.....Take some of the abandoned spaces in Brevard and the county and create a public domain for the creative children with no opportunities, for the 20's something artists, for the older mentor artists, and I believe you will see a change in everyone's attitude and level of community participation.
A service based economy is limited in the amount of economic action that it can bring into an area. Additionally this method of economic stimulations can fluctuate widely based on the health of the macro-economy of which it is a part. Much like other things, it is important to diversify sources of income. For too long the county has relied solely on big tourism and not big industry or manufacturing. The correct solution is not to ignore big manufacturing and industry, but to include 500+ employee industries or enterprises in the county's overall economic long-term strategy. Micro-breweries standing in Asheville's shadow isn't going to cut it.
A small town with diverse people can be a blessing. When our county has space for citizens who are diverse by race, by income, by interests, with different jobs and careers, many and no religions, and of various political persuasions, it really will be "almost heaven."
A YMCA would be awesome, much more for disabled, children educational, affordable low cost housing, updating all around
Absolute support of Brevard College, the Music Center, and the library. Must not lose them.
Organizational assistance with small businesses. Also improve inspections; county has a terrible reputation for coding enforcement.
Acknowledge that we will not attract big manufacturing companies to Transylvania. Focus on locating small businesses. Stop thinking the railroad tracks will ever be used again to haul raw materials into Transylvania County. Fight to develop the Ecusta trail to Hendersonville.

Response Text
Actively promote small town atmosphere, great weather, affordable residential property (second owner, or ever better for new build), well-educated base of retirees, excellent base of arts and music, etc. to hi tech startups and expanding companies (I.e. Software, light industrial, electronics, etc.). Need to increase younger higher educated families to community.
Escapes me why Transylvania County shouldn't be at top of everyone's list as a place they would want to be!!
Add bike paths.
Add sexual orientation and gender identity to the County's anti-discrimination policy. This lets citizens and businesses know we are a welcoming and caring community. Build an industrial park to attract businesses. The County paid a consultant to tell them that, now I hope they follow her recommendations.
Additional business would mean more people employed which would improve the tax base. Even if businesses received reduced commercial tax fees for a temporary period of time, the taxes from the individuals would make up for the loss. We are too focused on the elderly and on tourism, when we have no jobs for young people under 40 with families apart from healthcare or law enforcement.
Address the ROOT CAUSES of the hungry children, substance abuse, drug arrests, dropout rates, and homelessness among us.... so Transylvania will be a better place for them as well.
Advertise....Advertise....Advertise...Be progressive
Affordable housing and public transportation reform are a must! Thank you for hearing us!
AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON SMALL SALARIES
Affordable housing is a must! Most people cannot find affordable housing and struggle day to day. We need public transportation so people with lower incomes without transportation can get around!
Affordable housing will only bring more poverty to our county. Livable wage will be gained by bringing in good "CLEAN" industry. Education is a key to the livable wage. Affordable housing should be described as complete Fair Market rates. Large Housing development will threaten farm land.
Already addressed
An umbrella organization to coordinate a single calendar that all groups could contribute to so that there would be one place where visitors or planners from groups could go to - to see what is scheduled - special event wise - in our community. Right now there's no single site to compile this- would help.
Angled instead of parallel parking downtown
Another choice for Internet other than Comporium.
AREA MUSIC IS A BIG DRAW, NATURAL BEAUTY, SMALL TOWN FEEL OF BREVARD AND ROSMAN, DUPONT AND PISGAH FOREST PROVIDE THE REASON FOR PEOPLE TO VISIT. GIVE THEM REASONS TO STAY LONGER AND SPEND MORE MONEY. BREWERIES, WINERIES, BIKE TRAILS, GOOD FOOD AND NIGHT LIFE ETC. MAKE THE COUNTY A DESTINATION FOR ALL AGES. PERHAPS SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS MIGHT STAY OPEN A LITTLE LATER ON FRIDAYS TO REAP SOME BUSINESS FROM WEEKEND TOURISTS AND VACATIONERS.
As I mentioned before, tourism is good, but we need to provide services and businesses that provide for those that live here year round. The specialty shops are good but in order to buy quality clothing, furniture, etc. at affordable prices we have to go out of town. If we had more manufacturing/industrial opportunities to provide jobs for our young people, the county would be more able to support the other businesses. It seems that now all the focus is "What can we do for the tourists". They do bring in dollars, but don't forget those of us that live here year round.
As one of the younger people here I would love to see the birthing center at Transylvania Hospital come back. It IS important.
Attract and incorporate more craft breweries to help make TC the place for beer production. It will offer opportunities to employ all residents and foster the development of a good environmentally-conscious community :)
Back to the question of whether I could obtain affordable housing: I have owned my home for almost 40 years. I could never afford to even rent a house now, much less buy a home. New cars cost more than my home did. The combination of little "affordable" housing with low paying service jobs has reached beyond critical for our county.
Balance Jobs vs. Greener
Be concerned with local people needs - not bicycles and tourism that in no way helps the average "Joe". Stop raising taxes for benefit of a few move-ins and those passing through.
Be forward looking. Why do downtown businesses control access to newer business? What are the plans for the Ecusta property?

Response Text
Be more accepting of suggestions from "newcomers". They bring many strengths to the county along with diverse experiences that can be useful when exploring options for future growth and development.
Do contingency planning along with strategic planning.
Become a better people and work together.
Besides making Transylvania County an easier place to live for young professionals, I would really like to see us do a better job with recycling. Why aren't there recycling bins with the trash bins downtown? This is irresponsible and terrible annoying to those of us who care about our environment. Downtown Asheville is a good model for this. We should have bins that are labeled "landfill" (so that people know where their waste ends up), recycling, and even compost (if that is in any way possible).
Better communication to residents about what political/zoning changes that are taking place in the county.
Better consideration of the needs of the handicapped and infirmed. Better sidewalks and transportation.
Better cooperation between city and county
Better coordination among our wonderful small museums
better county commissioner leadership
better education system, preserve forests and wildlife
Better government
Better integration of retirees that have moved to county in county politics (Commissioners, etc.). There appears to be a separation between "us" (locals) and "them"--people who moved here later in their lives often because of the county's scenic beauty
Better internet throughout the county. Bike lanes needed asap.
better jobs
Better Jobs and Transport
Better jobs, not just being a tourist destination- push more for industrial development, small or large
Better k-12 education, improving relationship with Brevard College, more bike paths, maintaining forests
Better paying jobs without ruining the environment!!
Better paying work for young people who are the future of this area
Better regulate the lights in the city of Brevard
More biking/walking paths
Better roads, sidewalks, making it more inviting and easier on people that come in to open a business. It's rare except for a few stores for new stores to last. We need to fill up the business spaces that are vacant now. Rent is way too high because of the tax increase for new store owners.
Better rural roads, Super Wal-Mart
better selection of physicians
Better streets and walkways.
Better use and development of the areas immediately surrounding downtown.
Bigger/better park. A sizable beautiful area for resting, relaxing, visiting - a destination park with a sizable lake with walking trails and benches, waterfalls and streams. I also envision a bike/hike trail connecting to Hendersonville.
bike lanes on highways - more sidewalks, promotion of clean well-paying jobs for young people, cutting unnecessary government spending on jobs not needed - keeping costs of living (water, sewer, prop. tax) within reason - there is only so much retired people can afford. This city should be affordable for all, not just the healthy
Bike lanes! Ecusta Trail! Cellphone coverage and Internet Service!
Bikers on curvy mountain roads are a recipe for disaster. It's not safe! There are more than ever and it can take me twice as long to get where I'm going.
Why are there no chain restaurants? We have to drive to other counties to eat dinner. I believe in supporting local businesses, but I don't want to eat at them every time I go out.
Why are land and homes so expensive and so few jobs?
Bikes and few small brewers are not job recruiting. Help small businesses get started with fights with EPA and neighbors in areas of the county that are unrestricted or no zoning.
Bring affluent people here to help support the economy

Response Text
Bring back the Birthing Center so that mothers and infant lives are not jeopardized by traveling to Asheville or Hendersonville for prenatal and delivery care. Focus on our children's education as a whole, not just to standardized testing. Bring jobs to the community instead of making low income look attractive.
Bring in better fitting jobs and make housing and such more affordable
Bring in cell phone coverage; focus on education and health care; keep the natural beauty of our area
Bring in small industry related to recreational tourist eldercare that is environmentally sensitive. Seek to bring more tech based manufacturing that is low environmental impact and also provide tech training for young people so they can stay here and work.
Bring jobs to support local families to improve local economy. Tourism will not bring needed growth to revive dying community. Most young families move out of area in order to advance and provide for their families. The older aging retirement population does not provide long term continual growth that is needed.
Bring the industry back and fix the roads!
Bring us more jobs!! Stop shutting down really great opportunities for Brevard. Tourism & retirees should not come first, the people of the town should!!
Build a pedestrian/ bike bridge across the Davidson River at the intersection of 276 and 64
Build on what exists and is already a great asset: Nature; Cultural, Educational, Artistic resources; Healthcare; Economic Resources [banks, retail, etc.]; and most important - it's human resources. Increase job opportunities to retain the younger population and attract new, young residents. Encourage clean-industry and clean - manufacturing. Clean up previous industrial wastes. Encourage Organic Farming, and encourage the residents and food retailers to support local farmers. Encourage Non-GMO, non-Antibiotic animal Husbandry; protect waterways from pollutants; encourage use of waterways such as the French Broad for recreation and sensible development of waterfronts.
Build the bike/hike path to Hendersonville along abandoned train track. Before the county can grow at all we need to upgrade the sewage and water infrastructure.
Came here for a great community and small town feel. Do not want to lose that. Brevard to me is one of the best places to live in the country.
careful not to allow overdevelopment allowing more than infrastructure can handle
Careful planning so that we can preserve our home-town feel. Attract and nurture local as opposed to chain businesses (look to downtown Asheville for this). No more Walmarts, fast food, Lowes please. Preserve our natural resources and beautiful environment. Waterfalls and bicycles should count heavily in our future.
Carry out this plan . . .
casual dining restaurant chain
Celebrate Diversity.
Change the direction of the parking lines at the Pisgah Forest Recycling Center. Make Brevard and the County a more walkable and bikeable city with sidewalks and bike lanes. Take advantage of the natural beauty and recreational possibilities that are unique to our county. Build on those rather than hoping for industries to move in. Make us a small town destination for tourists. A bike trail to Hendersonville would be a fabulous thing for our county, improving the health of our residents and bringing in tourists. We need a safe flat place for families to bike.
Change the parking lines at the Pisgah Forest Recycling center. They go the wrong way and cause more congestion to the busy traffic flow.
Cherish this unique and wonderful place and defend it against unplanned development and exploitation.
Clean industrial jobs, a YMCA, (we need an indoor pool for folks that can't afford the racquet club), a parking deck in town (across from the police department?) and a splash pad!
Clean, safe, peaceful
Commissioners and other government officials need to be proactive, not reactive, and look to the future, not to maintaining the status quo.

Response Text

Commissioners place a priority on getting a commercial grade airport in the county for the MANY economic potentials it could provide. We lost that opportunity when Boards of Commissioners failed to support the private efforts of a man who tried to bring a quality airport to this county. Also, Secure the highly coveted French Broad River water source while you still can, before a larger municipality takes it from us. Build a reservoir to contain this abundant water and sell it to get some income into the county for a change, This again was an opportunity lost in the late 1980's when USDA proposed a large flood control lake on NC 215 which would have supplied water for many years plus flood control and lake-base recreation. Again, Commissioners were bullied by the damn environmental groups into not supporting something that, scientifically, was so obvious. Get control of the water source while you can & do something GOOD for this county. Support agriculture in this county. All of the floodplain land CANNOT be used for anything else but agriculture, so SUPPORT it so people can make a living and this land type can be used for something useful...instead of just sitting doing little. Finally, to make this a better place for the locals who try to live & work here; quit catering to the wealthy retirees and the realtors who, for MNAY years, have kept pushing this agenda for their own financial gain. Stop the high slope developments that are landslide prone and ridiculously inaccessible by decent standards. AND SUPPORT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS ON THE REAL LANDOWNERS IN THIS COUNTY. REDUCE THE REDICULOUS DEVELOPEMENT REQUIREMENTS ON LANDOWNERS AND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPEMENT ORDINANCE INFLUENCE ON THE COUNTY/ETJ AREAS. GET SOME DAMN DECENT JOBS IN THIS COUNTY!!!

- Communities of tiny homes
- Be cautious about development... too much could ruin it here (I lived in California 30 years and...)
- Become a leader in GREEN energy
- DO NOT bring big box stores; they are close enough
- Keep the PARKS- Add more parks!
- We need a DOG PARK
- Some kind of public transit
- Solar Powered
- As much land to remain undeveloped as possible, how?
- Planned and nice mobile home or small homes so owners have space, "low-income" but cool.
- No kill animal shelter
- More vegetarian/vegan options and awareness

Thank you!

community centers for the older people ---with activities for charity to keep them busy

Community forums where people get to meet one another and learn about each other. There is a lot of negative banter on the Internet with people dividing along the lines of native vs non-native. Both sides need to be more accepting and need to embrace all that each bring to the table.

Community support for young families with children

Completely rid the county council/offices of all who now hold office and replace them with locals who know and understand what this county needs. There are too many implants in office that are only there for their own agenda.

Concentrate more money on the school system. And please please look at creating bike lanes on the popular roads for bicycles. I am up for having higher taxes ONLY if it means getting bike lanes

Concentrate on making Transylvania County a good place to live and work and that will make it a good place to visit.

concentrate on rebuilding the community infrastructure to its former state and develop industry and jobs to continue to support the facilities that are here

Consider transportation to Airport.

Response Text
Consider ways to make being healthy the "easy" choice: encourage decent food and physical activity rather than another fast food joint and high-speed roadways.
Consistency in public decision making. Example: We are identified nationally as a biking mecca (bike trails, college national biking champions but there is county resistance to a bike trail (Rails to Trails). Biking community seems to be our "natural" fit. Seems inconsistent. In order to survive as a vibrant community we need to look forward and identify our future that is not based on the past.
Continue looking to the future, do not let the hardships of the present paralyze us with fear into inaction. Utilize our assets not deplete or spoil them.
Continue the course of inclusiveness, especially embracing and celebrating diversity in all ways, thinking collectively and creatively. Make us known for being a County that lives from the Heart!
Continue the reclaiming of the old Ecusta site with looking to attract a large software company (like Microsoft) or something similar that provides high quality, low environmental impact, high paying jobs.
Continue to find way to build collaboration to address common problems for the county, town of Rosman and City of Brevard.
Continue to promote family values!
Continue to stress air quality, health care, and a caring community.
Continued efforts to get input from citizens
Continued recruitment of small business to the area to provide jobs and tax base. Protect the county's greatest asset- its natural resources.
Control of traffic and speed of traffic.
controlling the growth of the county and maintaining the friendly small town feeling
County commission needs to open their minds to the middle class needs of the community. The commissioners responsibilities require their allocating tax funds to essential services-those being industry growth, public education, and public services.
County Commissioners & City Council NEED to put aside egos & work together for overall good of both, eq. Courthouse (in town) renovation; parking garage (behind courthouse); beautification of Pisgah Forest entry; Rails-to-Trails to Hendersonville; poor infrastructure in City affects County when higher income residents move in, etc.; (need new water & sewage pipes & city road surfacing.)
County commissioners need to keep an open-mind about the potential of the Ecusta Trail (rail-to-trail conversion)!
County Commissions must give up on the past - consider our natural areas a great resource and support business development around that. For example, do we collect any sort of tax on the thousands of people who visit DuPont Forest, Pisgah, or Gorges? How about rafting, etc? Improve connections with Henderson and Asheville so that people can visit Transylvania even if those two sites are their prime visit location. Seek small high tech business and manufacturing that want a peaceful, natural location, and can thrive without a railroad or trucking highways. Improve the presentation of gateways to the water and forest resources. The bridge development at Connestee Falls is a good example of an inviting entry. Improve signage for recreational locations.
County government would collaborate more with the city government.
County leadership needs to become more proactive and decisive in removing the hurdles currently in the way of enabling economic and job growth opportunities to make our area more attractive to the direct recruitment of new business and indirect recruitment through business relocation/expansion consultant firms. Availability of additional water and sewer capacity, availability of business expansion spaces and establishing land use zoning requires immediate attention. When water and sewer capacity decisions reside with the City of Brevard while economic development planning and implementation resides primarily with the County, economic prosperity will suffer. Economic planning and plan implementation is not effective when assigned to a committee of volunteers. Decisions aren't easy; but, reluctance to make key decisions relative to economic growth results in loss of known and unknown opportunities and sends a message that our County is not a strong contender for economic growth. Not having current growth enabling capacity is a very significant growth limiter; but, not even having plans for increasing capacity sends a very negative message to those who may otherwise have an interest in growing and establishing businesses in Transylvania County.
County must concentrate on incentives to attract industry that can offer large number of jobs locally and contribute to reduced property taxes for local residents. Bike riders on Hwy 276 especially are dangerous to riders and motorist. Something needs to be done to address this situation. Mountain roads create situations where motorist run up on bikers with little if any warning. Hate to see an accident happen and people injured due to this situation being allowed.

Response Text
County needs to embrace the rails to trails on those old RR tracks. You DO NOT want to try to attract heavy manufacturing that requires rail to bring in raw materials or ship out finished product. That type of manufacturing will ultimately result in pollution of our beautiful environment. Work more closely with the City of Brevard and embrace light eco-related tourism and recreational type manufacturing and breweries. It's about the lifestyle here guys. Play to your strengths. That 18 miles of rails to trails would be a big benefit and also INCREASE the property values of those whose property is adjacent to the trail. Look at every other place that has done it. Invest in some infrastructure that will attract smaller manufacturing companies such as bike shops, maybe canoe/kayak manufacturing, etc.
County/City/Town/ Regional cooperation
Create facilities that will entice more small businesses/sole proprietorships to the county. You already have a number of these "hidden" in the county but don't seem to be aware of their existence or needs. Our outdoor/recreation/cultural environment is very attractive to many who can "live and conduct their business" anywhere. (Authors, consultants, inventors . . .) Provide them with easy transport to airports, the latest in communications and computer capabilities and office support and meeting areas available on an as-needed basis . . .
curtail fast food licensing, promote small biz related to local natural, resources and culture
Decision makers making decisions that help narrow, not widen, the increasing income/wealth gap.
Develop 280 maybe work with Henderson and Buncombe county to get water sewer that area. Need better internet service to help tech jobs come here
Develop a festival site as a center of tourism and cultural activities. The county has great resources in the form of bluegrass and other local music as well as the Brevard school. Live music venues, such as cafes and community centers, should be encouraged as well to provide work for musicians in between festivals.
Did you ask about racial, financial, social class equity? Maybe I missed it.
Diversification will help keep people in the area, the county's elderly population is growing rapidly and without younger populations this is not sustainable
Do as much for the local full-time residents as you do for the tourists; i.e., if we are going to continue to attract more races like the Assault on the Carolinas, let's do more to make it safe for everyone. Continue to support the Farmer's Market and local charities as much as possible. Encourage people to be more involved in their community and if the people talk, listen to us and take our suggestions to heart. Don't just say "Well, we got public opinion on this but we've already decided what we need to do". People are in general feeling more and more disconnected from their local, state and national government and no matter how we vote or what we say, it doesn't matter. It SHOULD matter -- let's make Transylvania County the exception!
Do more things for the local people instead of making everything for the tourists
Do not allow it to become junky and touristy. Keep the small town feel and protect the scenic beauty. CONTROL GROWTH
Do not build a bypass, more jobs so that our children can afford to live here, less focus on tourism and more on jobs
Do not build new road to Balsam Grove.
Do not construct a traffic circle in front of Brevard college
Do not discount the voice of "outsiders". I was not born in Brevard, but I still feel my voice should have weight.
I firmly believe a large factory will NEVER come to Brevard, our area is too expensive for a manufacturing business to locate here. We need to look forward to where our county is obviously headed, tourism and recreation.
Do not do anything that would increase property tax in the county!
Do not sacrifice the environment (i.e. unqualified BioMass Plant) for industrial development. Even though Ecusta and Dupont provided wonderful jobs for many people for a long time - they did compromise the environment with pollutants. And most large corporate structures are interested in bottom line profits for those at the top, and will achieve this at the expense of the environment. More now than ever, the environment needs protection. The city and the country have the necessary requirements for a solar farm. Small towns in Georgia and other locals are already doing this. Not only would it further "green-up" this county, it would be of high interest to many who are seeking quality of life, not just for retired people, but those wanting to raise a family in a clean environment. It would attract tremendous publicity, more people means more homes, jobs and money spent, and at the same time, be a future financial benefit for the operating expenses of the city and county government structures. The future is the younger generations, and they will not condone the way "it used to be" or how things "have been done in the past". We are living in changing times, and you either move ahead with the changes, or stay in the dark ages with how "things were". This is not progress, but denial.
Do not try to grow too fast.

Response Text
Do not waste time trying to bring back big manufacturing -- it's not going to happen. Between most manufacturing going to China and the fact that we simply don't have the infrastructure here (vs. Mills River, Arden, etc.) to support it, I believe it would be a better use of scarce funds to build on what we have by expanding on and making it safer for people to visit as well as live here who want to enjoy the great outdoors (bikers, hikers, kayakers, etc.). And we need to make sure we maintain a hospital here -- the fact that young women now have to travel at least 30 minutes to have a baby is sad and again, what company is going to want to relocate here once they find that out?? So let's not let Mission take anything else away! I'd like to see the city buy that old bank building opposite Rice Furniture and turn it into a free public parking lot. Please do not add meters downtown -- that will only MORE encourage people to go to Wal-Mart! We have a great downtown that is getting better every day -- let's continue with the festivals and support those as much as we can. The Ecusta trail is worth a serious consideration -- now that Henderson Cty is kicking in some money let's at least do some studies and see what can be done there. Lastly, I've listed this above, but we have a LOT of bikers and these windy narrow roads are so dangerous -- we just saw someone pass on a double yellow around a curve near Cedar Mtn and came very close to killing a guy on a bike. Then we had the guy who crossed the line and ran into a truck and killed his wife near Connestee a few weeks ago. We need more education, more bike lanes, more *something* to help make these roads safer for everyone out there! Thank you for listening and I'm looking forward to the future!!!
Do something about the incredibly dangerous tendency of people to tail gate for no apparent reason.
Dogs at festivals; low income healthcare; bike lanes; mid-level restaurants
Don't allow downtown Brevard to become another Hendersonville or Highlands! We have a great treasure in our small town atmosphere, and must protect it. Quality development which respects that objective is welcome. Those simply wishing to cash in on tourism are not.
Don't be afraid to raise taxes. start combining City/County government overlap
Don't consolidate RHS and BHS
Don't do unnecessary road work like you're doing in Balsam Grove and use money for something more useful
Don't ever strive to be a big city.
Don't go Florida on us with pavement over everything.
Don't let big stores come into the area, keep the business local. Also, keep the vegetation native to the area. The small town atmosphere is something to treasure.
Don't sell out for the sake of tourists! Protect the area - develop Brevard in ways that will not make it dependent on the tourist industry.
Don't spoil it! It's great now, make it better.
Don't tax county natives to death. Be realistic--sometimes priorities have to be set and budgets adjusted even from the home up to County Gov level.
Downtown parking available for the retail stores and restaurants
Drive around and look at the number of unproductive properties in the City and County. How do we reduce that? Businesses come and go, failure rates seem very high to me. Why is that? What can be done to make the existing businesses more competitive? I have been in several and as a manufacturing executive I can tell you they are leaving a lot on the table. How can they be helped? Promotion of extension services? Training programs? They can be better than they are, but they don't seem to want to be world class. It's scary!
DuPont State Forest is approaching 500,000 annual visitors, yet there are few if any services (gas, food, lodging) nearby. This is going to change, but without proper planning, there will be an unattractive mix of convenience stores, fast food restaurants, and RV parks along Crab Creek Rd. The Headwaters State Forest and Cascade Lake State Park will bring even more visitors to this area.
Easier parking in downtown Brevard. Better traffic flow. Bike lanes, bike lanes, bike lanes. It's scary going around curvy roads and suddenly encountering bikes on the road. This is a perfect area for biking; just need added lanes. Tourist accommodations. Rails-to-trails path to Hendersonville.
Eco friendly industries. A Great Wolf Lodge type place would really help the county
Economic development and affordable housing to retain and attract middle class. Medical specialists such as gerontologists to care for increasing number of aging residents. Bike paths on roadways to increase safety and encourage use of bikes for transportation rather than vehicles.
Economic development is currently not working. Either change to focus of our economic development staff or replace them.

Response Text
Economic development will cover a high percentage of the ills of the city and county. Unfortunately, the City Council and County Commissioners struggle to perpetuate yesterday. There is an overriding mentality of how it was. I am convinced that this area could have an exciting dynamic future. The incumbents have proven to be ill-equipped for the task. Hopefully, this could be a beginning.
Ecusta Trail would be an asset
Effective programs/court system to address unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, DV and the like. Also, work ethic: reliability and willingness to work; customer care/courtesy, especially toward females. Would hire locally, if could find willing, competent workers who didn't dismiss females.
Elected representatives should work together to solve problems. Decisions should reflect the needs of the people not personal political agendas.
Embrace growth! Build roads, create a county water authority to partner with both Rosman and Brevard to meet their needs and serve potential industrial sites throughout the county. Get rid of the small mindset of "beer, bicycles and Hollywood" as the only viable economic plan suitable for Transylvania County. Stop throwing money at recycled ideas and studies that have produced nothing over the past 20 years but more of the same!
Emphasis on local food movement, maintaining local charm of downtown with emphasis on use of native plant materials versus non-native, keeping education a priority and providing good jobs so that local citizens can find employment without moving out of county.
Emphasize quality of life factors in the county including cultural assets, recreational activities and walk-ability and safe bicycling routes.
Encourage local organic farming,
Discourage grass farming. Public spaces dedicated to farmers markets instead of make do. Avoid runoff into French broad river.
Local and county planning departments helpful rather than cop like rule enforcers.
encourage recognition and involvement with and of our minority populations in city/county public activities
Encourage youthful, progressive, public-minded leadership. Involve students and provide jobs to keep young people here. Don't cater to tourists, retirees and second homeowners at the expense of Transylvania families. Prepare a building or an industrial park to welcome companies and businesses; have a workforce ready to fill the jobs.
Enforce traffic laws, especially speeding, aggressive, driving and tailgating.
Exchange of ideas that will lead to a planned community.
expedite process of permits for construction and re-development
FAIR WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES
Family oriented festivals and nature of spiritual musicals should be kept! Cultural should not be lost! Natural resources kept.
Find Progressive Leaders that can work with Knowledgeable Employees (do not run Engineers and City managers off by not funding their Jobs or Listening to their Input that you are paying for) Also running off the City Police Chief was a Bad Decision) County Commissioners that think they know better that educated professionals should be Voted Out (AKA -Mac Morrow)
Focus less on the people who moved here from other places and more on the needs of the natives who need places to live, jobs and better education for their children
Focus on bike lanes and more popular restaurants.
Focus on families and children, keeping crime low, maintaining our beautiful county as a place where people want to stay and raise their children.
Focus on maintaining our greatest asset which is the natural beauty of this area. That is why people move here and visit and support the economy. By trying to develop industry or large retail, our greatest asset will be lost. Let's focus on maintaining our small town way of life. There are not many places like this anywhere in the US. This area is very fragile and should be handled with care.
Focus on needs of natives and a future with employment opportunities for my children.
Follow through on this survey.
FORGET THAT BYPASS IDEA AND IMPROVE WHAT ALREADY EXISTS!!!
Four season, well-equipped conference center to attract major conferences year-round.
More attention to global warming threats, energy use efficiency, emphasis on environmental/quality of life sustainability for the sake of future generations.

Response Text
Fracking should not be allowed within the county. Business recruiting should concentrate on eco-friendly companies that pay a living wage. The Ecusta trail should be fast-tracked. Ask the mayor of Greenville, SC what .the Swamp Rabbit has done for Greenville's economy. A "real" grocery should be recruited for the "food desert of the county.
From what I have heard so far, the city and county governments need to work together better.
get county to cooperate with Henderson City on Ecusta Rail to Trail
Get govt boards/councilmen etc. . . . to work together to better our community . . .continue to protect the forests and waterways and support the Arts & Cultural opportunities that make us have a great quality of life!
Get it done don't waste money on outside contractor coming up with the plan.
get more business opportunities here
Get onboard with the Ecusta Trail. Start working towards federal Funding (Rails to Trails) to ease to financial burden.
Get out of the way of the marketplace. Serve the "customers." Try reducing spending.
Get over the fact that Ecusta is NOT going to re-open nor is any other mfg. co. Going to come and need a work force of high school dropouts. Those days are over. The railroad is never coming back. Build the future on what we have---a beautiful natural place which people from all over the world want to come to.
Get rid of oppressive rules and regulation
Get rid of the bike & runners on the road!!
get some affordable houses for the average young family they can't afford these million dollar retirement homes that are empty and build some retirement homes for these idiots that retired here and none of their family give a flip about them
Get the d#@% bicycle riders under control!
Getting a new mayor.
Give our local people the highest priority; provide them with good paying jobs, that is the only thing that will keep Transylvania here and safe for the future.
Give tax incentives that would attract more businesses in the county, therefore keeping the young people in the county, thus making our schools better and more competitive with other counties.
Give us a bigger city feel, and a night life. Something to do instead of having to leave and go to either Greenville, Asheville, or Charlotte.
Glad you are doing this project.
go back in time
Go slow. Don't mess up the good thing we have going for us.
Go the extra mile in funding programs that 1) benefit our youth and 2) attract business and industry to the county. Get it through the heads of the people in charge that being a conservative doesn't mean that you never spend money or increase spending, but it means that you spend and invest your money wisely. I can think of no two items more worth the investment!
Good jobs for local people and keep the runners & bikes off the roads. They are dangerous.
Good supervised activities for teens
Government's responsibility should be schools, roads, public safety, and water. All else can and should be handled by private entities.
Great opportunity to share, thanks!
Greater tolerance / acceptance of diversity (LGBTs / African-Americans, Latinos, etc.)a less condemning attitude to those different from oneself in regards to race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity
Grow smart. Keep Brevard's small-town atmosphere at top of priorities. Keep our undeveloped lands & rivers safe from overuse & overdevelopment. Welcome & recruit businesses with those same priorities in mind.
Grow within the parameters of what makes Transylvania Co unique and appealing -- the natural environment, small-town culture, appreciation of the arts.....do not go after big growth just to become an anonymous bedroom community of Asheville.
Grow, but not so fast, that the infrastructure will be weakened.
Growth is going to happen, but let's be smart and make conscientious decisions about how we go about it. Slow and steady.
Handicap vans to transport elderly to dr. visits, etc. in upper end of county - we always get left out!
Hard decision time, and the right ones won't be popular with everyone. Do it anyway.
Have a better way of electing the county commissioners - such as voting districts.
have affordable places to live and places to work.....plenty of places to visit
have ems available at all time within reason; stop take so many to Asheville and leave county empty without EMS trucks
Having \$ in reserve does not benefit County. \$ needs to be spent on infrastructure to attract business.

Response Text
Having more opportunities for youth that lives here.
Headed in the right direction. Keep the focus on outdoor recreation and education and the next ten years will equal the previous
Healing the divide between natives and "newcomers" (anyone not born here).
Balancing new recreational trends (biking) with other activities.
County government that does not put personal beliefs (religious and political) ahead of the needs of the county. Example: rejecting federal \$\$ due to dislike for the president. Etc.
Help move Rosman into the future with open minds and hearts.
Help the city with adding more parking
higher wages for local workers, control growth
Hire more thoughtful and conscientious professionals like Mark Burrows to lead decision making.
History continues to show that more government cannot solve the issues we face in any community but is often the main barrier to solving the problems. The county must enforce the laws but not overly interfere with private business endeavoring to meet the needs of the people whether in human services or the production of goods and services. Surveys are a waste of time if only meant to placate but go largely unheeded.
HOB should be financed and encouraged to continue their work for tourism and festivals.
Homes with yards full of trash including abandoned vehicles should not be allowed.
Focus on what is currently working - more eating places, beer production, entertainment and events, culture (BMC), fly fishing, biking, wonderful retirement living opportunities, outdoor outfitters, summer camps, etc.
Efforts to attract larger manufacturing companies are probably wasted due to lack of access to interstate highways, municipal water and sewer.
Honor tradition and the past, but welcome growth and sustainable development. Protect the natural beauty of this special place.
How is my father going to pay for my family's well being when there are no jobs that will support a busy family lifestyle and give the young adults coming out of high school and college enough financial support to make their life successful? Also, Brevard is not the only part of the county and most of the money goes there. We WILL NOT have a successful county, in any way, if the main focus is tourist attractions, cyclists, and t-shirt shops. If you want to ride your bike on the highway fine, but, ride on the side and don't slow down good, hard working people that things to do and people to see! (P.S. This paragraph was scripted by me; a hardworking 14 year old girl that has a hardworking family and would like to have a successful future!)
I am a native and I only recently have begun to appreciate the economic impact that bicycling and outdoor recreation has on our county. There has to be a way to make the natives realize that big industry is a thing of the past for Transylvania County and we need to support tourism while protecting our natural beauty.
I am daily infuriated to think of the \$500-800 THOUSAND spent on the bike road - on which I NEVER see a bike! I see walkers, joggers, and people exercising their dogs - bikes? Never! They are all still on the roads irritating drivers. Aside from that, I have watched over the years as tourism became such a priority and everyone loved those tourist dollars. Now the young men and women who worked so hard in construction, waiting tables, etc. for the tourists, are older, broken down with health issues resulting from the years of hard labor, and are left with no medical insurance and no retirement to fall back on. We sold out our own people for the all mighty dollar and it's a shame! We need to begin now to attract industries that will pay good wages so that our young people don't have to leave this county to find work and can live, work, and retire here where they grew up.
I am encouraged with this approach to our future. Looking at goals and strategies, in lieu of beginning with political prejudices, is a hopeful way to proceed. And, I will happily pay for improvements for myself and my fellow citizens.
I am fully in favor of the ECUSTA Trail. We have visited so many areas that have these trails and see the results of such a trail. It brings in good people that are interested in the area and their health. I feel a major mistake has already been made when the plan was discarded to have a trail between Rosman and Brevard. Rosman would not be in such dire need at this time if that trail had happened. I know this is just my opinion. However, the rails had already been removed...our county leadership did not step up to the plate...Is it too late for that plan? Certainly would keep bicycles off the road that people complain about so much. I think if maybe the county would pay for some of the nay people to go and visit Abbington, VA to see what a clean town that is...The Creeper Trail has made such a difference....
I am so proud and privileged to be a part of Transylvania County

Response Text
I appreciate that tradition is an important defining component in the cultural, economic and social fabric of Transylvania County. However, when you answer the same problem, over and over, with the same answer - "this is the way we've always done it" - then don't be surprised if the result is the same. I would encourage our elected officials to put everything on the table when looking for innovative solutions to our problems even if the best choice is a break with tradition.
I believe many people want tourism, but more people want factories. The ones wanting tourism have a bigger voice, because they tend to be the ones that are more involved in making these type decision and more of them attend meetings. We need to find a way to hear the others. We all need to work together, because we are ALL a part of this county. No group knows what is best for every group. All groups should get what they want. I believe tourism is here to stay; therefore, it is logical to me that we get factories here that support tourism. We also need to focus on the direction our schools are going. Students need to be engaged in learning about these processes, and the importance of what is going on in our community, and how it will impact their future. They need to understand there is (or can be) more career options right here in our county (or region) than being a hairdresser, mechanic, or physical therapist.
I believe that educating our children is the number one priority of any place. This is truly an investment in our future. Creativity and innovation is needed in order to make a small, rural area thrive, and educated persons make this happen. Invest in experiential education and programs like Muddy Sneakers that foster knowledge of our county resources, our national and state forests. There should never be a child in this county who has not gone for a hike in Pisgah or Dupont. Who has not splashed in a waterfall or tubed down a river, who has not heard of a hellbender or ever seen a salamander, signs of clean water sources. Sadly, I meet children each day, in our schools, who have not done these things. How can they value something they have not experienced?
I believe that more local minded people need to be making the decisions and more meetings with the locals should be announced so more people can discuss the changes being made in our county.
I believe that our population of youth is decreasing because of the lack of activities for them to do. It is very important for them to be able to get out and enjoy themselves. The ones who play sports a lot of times can't get out until later and by that time most everything is closed. Low cost places where they can hang out and socialize are needed.
I believe that the move toward a comprehensive plan is a good first step, but I am concerned about what I see as the reluctance reflected in reports of governmental agency sessions to face the fact that Transylvania is at a critical point. It MUST stop bickering and start implementing!
I believe the town is special and unique. The location is perfect, and the town business people are friendly and wonderful! Proud to call Brevard my home!
I believe this county has the ability to be great. My husband's family has lives here for generations. If something doesn't change we are going to have to leave this county. I can't find a job in my field and my husband has go drive an hour each way to work every day. Stop scaring away industry and business. Take a bigger interest in your younger residents who are trying to support a family and less interest in your retirees. Also, why should tourists visit our parks but then drive to Buncombe or Henderson county to eat and shop? Bring in some big restaurants. We don't have much to choose from other than Mexican food for the most part. I believe this town could be great, like Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, but we must be willing to take risks and hurt feelings in order to get there. Poverty and government assistance needs to decrease in this county and the only way to do it is to stop dumping thousands into bike paths and greenways. Put more money into your people and your people can better sustain this county.
I believe Transylvania meets my needs but in order to keep it one needs to be aware of industries trying to take away our water and natural commodities.
I come from a small community in the upstate mountains of NY state called the Adirondack park...a 6 million acre state park that is not really a park per se but a state regulated area that requires special building codes in order to build houses and commercial buildings there...I owned property there for over 4 yrs. and rented housing there from 1992 to 2007...I also owned a couple of businesses there as well from 1992 to 2011 so working with state taxation and insurances and other state agencies for employees is well known to me...I'm currently in The Oaks on Morris Rd in Brevard with some medical problems and working with their therapy dept's to get stronger so I can again live out among society in an apartment or small house with handicap assistance and want to stay in Brevard for the rest of my life...which I hope will be another 30+ years....so this is why I want to be a part of county government and help with your growth...I have been involved with Hamilton County for Inlet NY in their growth plan in the past and was happy to help them grow...it's an exciting process.....good luck with your survey

Response Text
I do not like to see the homeless people sleeping on benches in front of the French Broad Building. Nowhere else in any town I have lived or visited let that happen! Our schools are the worst I have seen around WNC and I have been to everyone within 2 hours of Brevard. No upkeep, no facilities, we cannot even host certain things for other schools because we have nothing to offer. Brevard needs to remove some of the tax money from one place and use it for the schools. But don't raise taxes because they are already very high. If you want more tax money get it from the people who live here part time. They pay for very little here, but want to be treated like they own the place.
I don't believe that Transylvania County needs to grow in population, only in quality of its infrastructure.
I don't think we need more growth in this county! Our county is overpopulated as it is. We need to stop focusing so much on tourism and more on the people who already live in this county and who have lived here for generations. The residents of this county need good-paying jobs, and now all we're getting are low-paying service jobs (mostly fast food) without benefits. The bicyclists are also a huge nuisance and I'm so sick of them...we need to get them off our roads!
I feel like there needs to be less focus on tourists and more focus on the needs and interests of Transylvania County natives. It's wonderful to live in a county where tax rates are relatively low, and I hope for everyone's sake that it stays that way for years to come. I think overpopulation is really an issue, as the county just doesn't have the resources available to support such a large number of people. It's a place where a lot of people want to retire, but not a place where people want to settle down and raise a family, because there just aren't any good-paying jobs with good benefits here like there were back in the days of Ecusta, DuPont, etc.
I feel that I pay a lot in taxes and do not see where this money is going. Teachers, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire and Rescue need to be taken care of first and foremost due to their huge role in our community and our community's future. Having near access to quality education and well-paying jobs will lead to less crime in our community. Please Help Us All. We all live in this world together.
I fell in love with Brevard 45 years ago as a part time resident and have been a permanent resident for 25 years. I cannot imagine a more perfect place to live, but realize that if it doesn't grow it will decline. What happens in ten years won't affect me, but I hope that growth will be constrained by a determination to utilize its natural beauty and keep its small town charm.
I grew up here, as did my husband and have our families. We would love to have are children come back after college to start a family but there are no jobs. WE struggle every month due to low wages and low benefits at the jobs with both work. I love this area but by ignoring the majority and focusing on the minority you are driving the local families away. You want to have history in this town but with most of the decisions being made you are turning you back on this town's history.
I have been filling out these surveys for 8 years, it seems. Seems to me the county needs to develop a plan and execute it and stop doing surveys. Didn't a female consultant named Goldsmith make excellent recommendations years back?? Seems like you are currently in analysis paralysis. Also, have you bench marked what other successful small towns in the south have done to succeed?
I have been told that it is very difficult to start a business in this county - that there are a lot of requirements and hoops to jump through. I think that we need entrepreneurs and I think that new small businesses should encourage and fostered, not discouraged. I do know that there are some great programs here that do foster small businesses, but I would like to see it made easier for them to get started.
I hope that the County Commissioners will do something with this plan that will help the people of Transylvania, and invest in the public education in this county.
I hope that through the next ten years we can keep the small town feel and natural resources that make Transylvania County such a wonderful place to live and raise a family.
I just would take care in how we develop this area. Too many formerly wonderful small towns have destroyed the integrity of their towns by luring big box stores, malls to their towns. We would have to see that happen here
I know so many people who would love the see the Rails to Trails project take place. Please consider it and push it through. Don't let a handful of people ruin such an opportunity to have this wonderful, beautiful, and very valuable asset added to our county!!
I know that tourism is important, but we have to sustain this county year round. Our working residents need secure, local jobs in order to raise their families in such a great area.
I like the idea of public or even commercial transportation into and out of the county to downtown Brevard, Hendersonville or Asheville. Increases access while reducing congestion.

Response Text
<p>I live as close to the county as I can without being in it for one primary reason: access to quality internet. Comporium is built to meet the demands of the elderly, which has made sense in the past. As these people die, and as more youth leave in search of bigger and better things, however, the county will find itself in need of people who can work, buy new (reasonably priced) homes, start families, etc. Many seem to think this will come as a result of the second advent of manufacturing. It won't, though. During the Great Depression we had to bite the bullet and agree to pay a living wage for manufacturing jobs at a modest increase in manufactured goods. Today we primarily only have service jobs available, and we will have to agree to do the same if we want to survive the new economy. This, of course will also collapse, and we will have to find yet another way to adapt, but for now, we can do something: invest in what the future will need. Internet, cultural diversity, less conservative business structures and civic philosophies, quality of life, etc. Many residents are retired and have voiced their perspective, which should be valued no less due to their age. These opinions should, however, be worked with in a way that molds them into something my generation can work with when our time comes. As of now, we are watching our parents and grandparents kick and scream in defense of selfish, ill-informed, and short sighted motivations like a child with lazy parents destroying our home, knowing that, once they are gone, we will be the ones left to clean up the mess.</p>
<p>I love it here. I am originally from south Louisiana and I always say Western Carolina is like Louisiana with mountains. This is the most welcome I have felt since leaving Louisiana. I think infrastructure for the county as a whole should be focused on. We live in the Little River Valley and we have extremely poor internet. My wife works from home and needs simple services like this. I would like to see trash collection extended or offered to outlying areas.</p>
<p>I love living in TC. I really think serious planning is needed for good high speed internet. There should be some in town competition to Comporium. Other than that, bike lanes are so needed. This is a great place to live!</p>
<p>I love seeing inmates picking up roadside garbage - I think it's a good program.</p>
<p>I love the cops on the street. Strong presence. Makes this a safe and happy place to live. Thanks!</p>
<p>I marked business recruitment and industry as pretty high priority but marked business development pretty low which is a bit contradictory. There should be a push to re-use facilities that belonged to corporations no longer in service (if they are available). At the same time, we should be cautious of ruining the assets we do have, like the forests and scenery, by developing them in an irresponsible manner. Once again, I have only lived here a week and absolutely love it- I would hate to see the view as you enter the county turn into a bunch of smoke stacks and transformer stations.</p>
<p>I must say I was seriously disappointed in the recent approval of the plans for Bojangles - what's the purpose of all this planning when the City/County rolls over and accepts whatever plans are presented to it when somebody waves a dollar bill in their face? Like all the other fast food joints, Bojangles has become a blight on our landscape and the stores on 280 look junky and are a poor introduction to a town that is trying to improve itself. I had dinner in Hendersonville last night - the streets were filled with people strolling, shopping, and eating. They got it right when they improved their main street, but I fear that Brevard and Transylvania county will not develop that vision or the will to change.</p>
<p>I personally believe in zoning if only just to keep us from looking like Gatlinburg! Thanks for everything you do!</p>
<p>I realize that government must prioritize the many goals they wish to accomplish. But you should choose 4 or 5 of the top goals to concentrate on. You should not work on one goal at the expense of all the other important goals.</p>
<p>I realize that my views are coming from a retired (from Wilmington, NC) couple's lifestyle.....we love Pisgah Forest and Brevard as it is.....this, of course, does not take into account the needs of young couples with children, who must make a living and have a very different lifestyle.....</p>
<p>I really hope this makes a difference. Anyone that has lived here longer than 20-30 years has seen the jobs diminish, the number of children in schools to down, and employment opportunities go to other counties. We have seen our children grow up and leave the community they love to go elsewhere for jobs. And this cannot be blamed on 2008! It was happening way before.</p>
<p>I seldom use any of the downtown businesses because I have difficulty walking and it is practically impossible to park near your destination in the downtown. We need to build a few parking decks with some in-town trolley transportation from parking to the businesses/areas of town. The same applies to festivals and such, nowhere close to park means stay home [no hayrides do not suffice.. ;-)]</p>
<p>I spend only a few weeks a year in Transylvania County; my family as a whole spends a couple of months. I am fine with it the way it is and would prefer not to see big changes, but am concerned about the poverty rate and hope that ways can be found to reduce poverty without worsening global warming or reducing environmental quality and that also maintain the small-town atmosphere and scenic beauty.</p>

Response Text
I think it's a beautiful place and is mostly headed in the right direction. However, we are on the cusp of a lot of tourism development and I think it's important to manage that intentionally. I dislike how Asheville has become "othering" to me, though I was born and raised there. I feel like I'm not fancy enough to go downtown and I can't afford anything. I don't want Brevard to become like that, and there are some signs of it headed down that path. It's good to have wealthy retirees and tourists for business, but let's make sure development respects the land, is sustainable, and does not compromise affordability and diversity within our county.
I think our county does a really great job overall.
I think that the County Commissioners need to actively work towards making the Ecusta Trail a reality.
I think this is a great place to live but if we do not have jobs for our young people this area can die. I don't know what the median age is in the county but I know there are a lot of seniors living here. If all the younger generations have to move away to raise their families all that will be left are seniors and we may not live another 10 years!
I think Transylvania County needs to shift its focus from mainly tourism (which is an important addition) to the Industrial and Manufacturing. We need jobs to interest the college graduates and the classes to meet those jobs. We need to seek out growth and expansion that will help provide for the future generations. If we spread our focus a bit, it would be a benefit to all of us.
I think Transylvania is poised to become widely known for beer, bikes, and beauty. It's time to embrace this and welcome the industry, businesses, and tourists that come for this. Cedar Mountain Cafe, Jamie's, the Hub, Sycamore Cycles, Oscar Blues, and Sylvan Sport are all excellent examples of what the future is about. Let's get moving on the Ecusta Trail (look what a rail-trail has done for Greenville, SC, Damascus, VA, etc.). Hand-in-hand, though, is always education - let's increase our focus on schools, teachers and kids that are our future. Let's get them job-ready. Let's encourage them to start businesses. I've only lived here a year, but this is a GREAT place full of super people (locals and newbies).
I think we need to do a better job of educating people at all levels so they understand what a wonderful place this is to live, work and play and also the services provided here. Many people aren't involved with their local government and this causes there to be too misconceptions about how their tax dollars are being spent.
I think we should have more youthful recreation, such as, skating rinks and basketball, etc.
I think we would do well to not focus on attracting big industry, but instead pay attention to the natural course of what is bringing people to this county. I see a way of life, outdoor recreation, food, arts, and small business. Let TC become unique in its own way. The county should facilitate growth without trying too hard to guide it.
I think the 6=page color T'Times was a BIG waste of money.
I would also like to see the top 10-20 items from the last plan and see how influential it was to realty
I want to purchase a home but cannot afford to work and purchase a home in the same county
way to expensive here
I was born here, grew up here and now live here with my family. This used to be a nice, pleasant town where everybody knew everybody else. Now it is a town full of strangers. There are no restaurants to eat at without being subjected to a bar and drinking. I can't think of a single restaurant where a Christian young person could make a decent wage as a server without having to serve alcohol. It seems that the county has pushed and pushed for beer, wine and liquor all over the county. Well, we've got it now. But where has the job industry gone? Mostly to another county. Transylvania County government needs to remember the people who need a job, not a drink.
I wish the people of this community would realize that we can be a tourist destination, arts community, retirement mecca and still have industry and manufacturing jobs. that's what made this county Ecusta Dupont American Thread etc.
I work in a preschool and hear complaints from young families everyday about no good paying jobs, no affordable housing. We need to support and care about families by giving them opportunities to live and work here and raise their children. NOT ON GOVERNMENT SUPPORT.
I would also like to see more dog friendly places
I would beg the powers that be to see the need to pump some money into our schools. The children are our most important resource. Our facilities are substandard but schools do not need to be consolidated. Also please consider finding businesses to open here so that the middle class can thrive in Transylvania County. It is happening all around us (in neighboring counties) but not welcomed here.
I would like planners to concentrate on maintaining or improving the quality of what we already have, not on growth or expansion. Education, emergency services, law enforcement, roads and bridges are all legitimate public policy concerns. The availability of various types of housing to meet demand is more appropriately left to the private sector.

Response Text
I would like to see cooperative efforts by the county & cities w/respect to economic development of small scale/high value manufacturing; creation of a countywide approach for water, sewer, and digital systems; countywide protection of our natural resources as they are what attract people to visit, live & recreate; and programs to improve the appearance and number of businesses in downtown Brevard.
I would like to see Glen Cannon restored to a golfing facility.
I would like to see improved cell coverage and broad band capacity. Thank you
I would like to see Transylvania County actively solicit outdoor equipment manufactures or other types of small manufacturing. We have done a great job at promoting our county as a tourist destination, now it's time to promote the county as a place to do business. Too many time I here folk concentrate on the things Transylvania County is lacking (i.e. not having an interstate near), instead focus on the wonderful things we do have.
I would love for the college to have a larger visible profile in the community with students and residents having reason to interact more.
I would love to see controlled growth.
I would really like to see the Ecusta Trail, I believe it would be an amazing opportunity for the community. Better maintenance of the road that goes through the Pisgah National Forest, there is a lot of trees in the road. I have noticed a huge decline in trail maintenance in the Pisgah National Forest. I would like to see less corporations (NO MORE FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS PLEASE) and more local restaurants. I also believe that sex education should include teaching young women about Plan-B, Condoms, and Birth Control. I believe teaching them this will greatly benefit our community! I would love to see more places for teenagers to hang out where they will not be getting into trouble. There is a huge drug/alcohol problem with the youth in this community and I believe it partially stems from the fact that they have nothing else to do! I think places that will have a positive influence on our youth is a necessity! We have an amazing community and I am proud to call myself a citizen of Transylvania County!
I'd like to see the county or state take over the maintenance / management of private roads through property tax assessments of property owners.
If bicycles are going to be allowed on these dangerous roads they should have to tag them as well as paying a lite vehicle tax! Personally, they are too dangerous to be out on our public roads. Didn't the bike path cost millions of dollars?
If the commissioners continue to refuse to spend money to attract businesses, employment prospects will continue to deteriorate in the county.
If the county is to be a better place to live then we must have competent, intelligent, compassionate and visionary men and women serving as county commissioners; individuals who are capable of seeing the big picture and do not view the world through a darkly shaded window that allows only a small amount of light in. In other words, we must have commissioners who look to the future and do not dwell in the past.
If there is something we can do to support local, small, organic farmers, that would be amazing. I really wish that the town was more bikeable. I'd love to see more street festivals! And a shuttle or public bus to and from Asheville.
If we can't afford to pay people it p/u litter then ask community groups to pitch in! Too much garbage.
If we want to keep our young people in the county than we have to quit giving lip service and study after study on economic expansion and start doing what it takes to get businesses into our county that pay living wages. It is shameful that we are not thinking of "white collar" jobs and working to get our young people trained to fill those types of jobs. "White collar" jobs would have very little impact to our beautiful environment. We would have the best of both worlds. Work with Comporium to exploit our fiber web; that is a huge infrastructure cost that is already in place. Yes, we need tourism, but if we want to keep our kids here we need to get off our bottoms and bring in companies that pay a decent wage. What incentives do we offer for new businesses? All I hear is how our community is not worth the hassle it takes to open a business here. What are we doing to make our community attractive to potential new businesses? It is time we get our act together.
If you want tourism, you need a useable airport. The County needs to take both the airport property and the Broadbent property by Eminent Domain and lengthen/widen the runway. Every holiday weekend and during tree-color season, the airport at Asheville is just packed with airplanes. They can't fly into Transylvania because the runway is too short. All those dollars are currently going to Buncombe County. Think about it, please.
I'm willing to have increased taxes to improve the lives of all our county citizens. We need to improve county infrastructure to attract jobs so young people can stay and keep the county vibrant
Improve all above equally to minority!!
Improve and maintain Cascade Lake Road!
Improve cooperation between the various governmental agencies. All the governmental agencies!

Response Text
<p>Improve infrastructure and facilities: make our county more attractive to potential businesses. Provide good educational opportunities; BC and BRCC should have our full support. Make governance more professional: less talking, self-indulgence and posturing, more efficiency – we don't want people dreading government interaction. If possible, improve traffic issues. Make sure our parks and forests have adequate funding, and take care of our trail systems. People want to live here. Our goal should be to make living here as pleasant and easy as possible, so people will want to open businesses here.</p>
<p>improve roads/infrastructure; maintain high quality law enforcement, fire rescue; maintain school infrastructure; these are functions of government and will bring jobs</p>
<p>Improve the traffic light coordination in downtown, better and more pedestrian crossings, slow traffic coming through downtown on Broad and Caldwell. Create a dog park near town.</p>
<p>Improved 64 Hwy from Sapphire to Brevard</p>
<p>improved infrastructure (internet, roads, bike paths) better housing that caters to more people (not just wealthy or retirees) jobs outside of the service sector (outside of Walmart, fast food, minimum wage)</p>
<p>Improvement to bike path to link safely to downtown. Currently you must ride on roads and with our increase traffic in summer months it is too dangerous for children. Also, a playground should be added at the recreation center/baseball fields area. Yes, the school is there, but it cannot be used during school hours by non-students, and there is nothing for young children there. Playgrounds are being planned in the community, but nothing for the Pisgah Forest side of town.</p>
<p>In 10 years I don't want to see Transylvania County looking like Gatlinburg TN. But I believe we as a community are headed in that direction in a great big hurry. Very sad!</p>
<p>In addition to my earlier comment about the Rail Trail, we need to have strong, consistent internet service. I work in Brevard and experience outages regularly. If we are going to attract new low tech industry we need to have reliable and faster internet service. Thanks for taking the time to do this survey - well done and I'm grateful to be a part of the process.</p>
<p>In order for Transylvania County natives to be able to stay after they complete their education, jobs must be created which pay a living wage. Also, affordable housing for young natives is imperative so they do not have to leave in order to support their families. One of the reasons Transylvania County is a great place to live is the small town feeling and mountain hospitality. This hospitality has its origins in those families who have lived here for multi-generations. Our local government should focus on enabling local citizens to be educated and have productive employment locally. While the service industry is a necessary part of any society it does not provide a living wage for heads of households. Therefore, it is the duty of our local government to seek out and encourage industry and commerce to locate in our county. If this is not done then the future demographics of Transylvania County will change negatively. It may well become a place where those with wealth come to play or retire and the local inhabitants are relegated to mowing lawns, cleaning houses and serving meals.</p>
<p>In regards to one regulation is the sigh law. There is still a bag overt the sign at MR Pete's on the Asheville Hwy. Been there for month's . Help this community grow instead of shrinking.</p>
<p>In terms of more affordable housing - I would like to see not condo complexes - but small townhouse developments - that have private rear courtyards where residents could do a small amount of gardening and have some privacy. Brevard does not seem to provide this option.</p>
<p>Increase taxes to fund quality of life improvements. Property taxes are low and we have many seasonal residents who could easily afford to support our economy.</p>
<p>Increase wages, jobs and diversity.</p>
<p>Industry should have no effect on the beautiful environment. More focus on keeping kids in school to finish high school and encouragement for all to continue to trade school or college.</p>
<p>Infrastructure, JOBS, County wide junk ordinance, affordable housing for all - especially teachers, improve Brevard College (getting rid of Debbie Hall would be a great start to that one), encourage entrepreneurs, no more fast food restaurants, no more big box stores, no more high end gated communities. Implement a lighting ordinance - too many giant bright parking lot lights, bring in the low level lighting.</p>

Response Text
<p>Instead of recruiting manufacturers to come here, how about spending that money to promote Transylvania as a great place to live for those who are being employed by all of the booming industry in south Asheville and Mills River. We aren't likely to win the competition for these manufacturers' plants, but we certainly could win the competition as a higher quality of life place for their employees to live. Home construction booms in Transylvania, property taxes pour in, schools have more students/\$, and local businesses thrive. Plus, we don't have to deal with many of the infrastructure and environmental problems that manufacturing brings. "Work in Asheville, live in paradise". Secondly, continue to enhance our recreational opportunities. Having the national and state forests should not be an excuse to spend less on parks and recreation (I think we are fairly low per capita vs. other counties), but a terrific base to add to and make it even more unique. "Transylvania; Outdoor Playground" should be the core of what we're about, and something that we can do better than almost any place else.</p>
<p>Invest in the future of the county by developing infrastructure and broadband; acknowledge that large manufacturing firms are not going to return to the county; continue to invest in our high quality K-12 public school system; recruit small businesses that employ trained, skilled workers; educate county residents on the values of investing NOW in the future, rather than refusing to look at an increased tax base to support that investment</p>
<p>Invest in the infrastructure, education and ensuring that residents earn a living wage and have affordable housing. Right now we do not have a trained work force and so we are not attractive to businesses who might want to locate here. The infrastructure including internet, cell phone coverage, road repair and bike paths will help attract companies as well as trained people ready to take the jobs. Pick a niche and work on that. The momentum seems to be in the outdoor activities area, microbreweries, and art. Make this a destination that people want to come and spend money.</p>
<p>Invest in what makes Transylvania County better from the inside out. Tourism is great for a sugar high, and it helps to sharpen the mind as we think about what we love best about the area. But it's not a healthy diet for building strong muscles, teeth, and bones. Invest in education, infrastructure, and existing and prospective high-wage employers sooner rather than later, to keep the body of our community from experiencing further atrophy or decay.</p>
<p>It has lost its authenticity</p>
<p>It is a wonderful place to live. I just worry about the growing gap between educated professionals and local under educated and under employed people - it is not good for the future of this great county. We have an opportunity to put some dollars into high quality services to help change our future.</p>
<p>It is a wonderful place to live. WE MUST have bike lanes on public roads so both bikers and drivers can coexist peacefully and not be in contention for the road space.</p>
<p>Perhaps a fee for bikers should be introduced to help with the financing of these lanes.</p>
<p>It is already very good. Protect what we have first.</p>
<p>It is becoming too crowded with our local population declining. I miss the way it used to be when the plants were still in operation. Our forest is so crowded in the summer that locals can't find a place a go. In the fall the forest is so over run with leaf lookers we have a difficult time hunting and a problem with our hunting dogs being stolen by tourists. Our small little town is not so small anymore and the things that people grew up with and love are slowly being destroyed.</p>
<p>It is disturbing that many of the city & county committees are predominately comprised by 'left leaning citizens'. If a conservative volunteers for a position there are 'lifted eye brows, frowns, & sneers, from other board members &/or staff'. Also, many new board members are newly moved in citizens..that have only ideas from their past residences, & longer termed citizens are ignored. There is too much local experience that is going to waste. God forbid that our special community becomes a 'smaller Asheville!'</p>
<p>It is great now. Don't let government screw it up like the federal government has done to the USA nationally.</p>
<p>It is important to preserve the things that make Transylvania County the special place to live that it is. But, we need jobs to support families. We must not give in to the pave it over or put up another fast food joint mindset that some think of as progress. I know that "good taste" is an old fashioned concept, but it needs to be kept in mind. On the other hand we should not put up all sorts of unreasonable road blocks for businesses wanting to locate here.</p>
<p>It is my desire that our governing bodies communicate with each other. We need a county wide vision that includes both municipalities (Brevard, Rosman) and the Transylvania County Schools. This vision should be the basis for economic development in the municipalities and the county at large. Once the vision has been developed, then a strategic plan can be developed and worked to achieve that vision. This requires true leadership of our elected officials.</p>

Response Text
Jobs will fix everything. Look at the past History of Transylvania Co. More Tax base better education. More growth put more money in people's pocket they will spend on diapers, houses, food, movies, sports, and NO Homeless people.
Jobs, Jobs, Jobs
Jobs, jobs, jobs! With more jobs, higher income, everything else will fall into place with general maintenance. Your focus should be on jobs, plants, factories, etc. Look how Greenville, SC is prospering!
Jobs. Tourism and attracting retirees is great, but unless we have good paying jobs we will eventually lose a large segment of our population Without young families, we lose a huge tax base but we also lose the character of the community. We need to do whatever it takes to attract clean industry and do more to encourage and support local business. What we don't need are chains and more fast food.
Just as you are doing, engaging everyone in the process. Kudos to you for this plan! Thank you!
Just help out the residents that actually need it, like those with low-income/poverty!
Keep it a "home town" feel.
Keep it local!
Keep it pretty, safe, and hospitable and don't over expand. That's why we like it.
keep it slow growth
Keep it small
Keep it small, beautiful, clean & quiet
Keep jobs in the county, more funds for education, keep all roads maintained for better travel, and keep the funds where they belong and nowhere else.
Keep National forests and recreation centers as they are.
Keep our local people to work. The two new low income housing apartment complexes were given to builders out of town or even to contractors out of state like to keep it local or to local builders do not know how to sustain that.
Keep our small town charter.
Keep our town quaint and naturally beautiful... This is why we choose to live here... This is why people visit here
Keep people working together in a polite, friendly and civil manner. Friendly, considerate people are our best assets.
Keep public dialogue!
Keep small community feel, add bike lanes everywhere possible for public safety, add on to greenway walk/bike path, community garden/ parks down town...add parking somehow for downtown!
Keep the beauty of the mountains. If we build house/mountains, we no longer have the precious resource/beauty which brings people here. Mostly, let's keep our environment/water clean, take good care of our children and not over habitat. Encourage small businesses.
Keep the bicycles off major roads before they are wrecks. More focus on the native people instead of the people causing families to leave when their families have been here over a hundred years
Keep the county tourist and family friendly. Keep the small town feel.
Keep the roads up and don't allow inordinate amounts of development that would impact the beauty of the area.
Keep the values of our former residents and ancestors. Keep Jesus Christ first in our county!
Keep this a family place! Keep this a Christian place! Do NOT turn this into a tourism center like so many of our mountain towns have become. Keep this a place where our children & pets are safe & loved!
Keep this process going.....people have to be reminded to get involved. The "low information" voters during political campaigns often vote for people without resourcing information about the person. The focus should be to bring as many people to the survey process providing their input. More churches should be used to get the word out - and get more people involved. Keep up the good work....I sincerely appreciate it.
Keep Transylvania's small town feel all while expanding it into something bigger and better
keep up the good work
Keep up the good work and resist the pressure to cater to tourists or part-time residents.
Keep up the good work.
Keep up the good work. It is a wonderful place to live.
Keep up the great work!
Keeping the small town feel, while improving existing buildings and landscapes.
Land use planning
legalize weed before 2016

Response Text
Less aggravation on city building
Less division between county and city officials. A true commitment from these individuals to work for all residents and not the desires of individual groups.
Less emphasis on retirement and tourism, and more on better jobs for our locals.
Less focus on tourism- more on needs of local people who live here! Cost of living increasing to fast the last 6 years, difficult to stay living here!
Less government intervention. High school consolidation. Lower taxes. Less government regulations. Stop worrying about what Buncombe or Henderson County's spending priorities are.
Less regulations=more businesses=better economy=better life
In general think about other parts of the county than Brevard.
Let growth be based not on government subsidies and accompanying control but in a natural, free-market, individual choice basis.
Let it evolve on its own naturally. County government should participate in providing infrastructure, fire / law enforcement, and schools only without any outside influence. We are unique and need to preserve that special mountain heritage, culture, and way of life.
Let private businesses and citizens work, reduce the size of the government, lower taxes.
let us control what goes on with our own property
Let's focus on HEALTHY growth!! Pedestrian & bike friendliness, organic agriculture& accessibility, preventative health care!! There is a STRONG & quickly growing community of intentional, like-minded folks that are trying to encourage this more & more here in Transylvania County. Thank you!!
Let's go back to gravel roads and keep the retiree's, bicyclist and tourist away. No cars downtown pedestrian only. No more gated communities that keep local people out. More respect and courtesy for local people. Wider secondary roads. blue ridge community college needs to expand
Let's keep the progression small and responsible and keep the county a safe place to live and grow.
Let's make this place as bike friendly as possible Support the Ecusta Trail!
Let's plan a livable and attractive community. No 'dirty' industries - just light manufacturing and services that use our brains and preserve our clean and beautiful environment. Focus on post-secondary education - i.e. community college - to train our workforce in tech and medical fields. Also prepare our infrastructure to handle additional commercial activity. Then invite the businesses in! They will want to be here.
Let's preserve and protect our best assets, our beautiful forests and surroundings, to grow incomes through tourism, biking, hiking, etc.
Let's try and keep what we've got. Brevard/Transylvania County is a very special place. Growth is generally good, but it needs to be done thoughtfully. Keep the politicians out of the decision-making process.
Limit growth to maintain the small town feel. More growth equals less scenic beauty. Affordable housing is an issue for county employees as there are a lot of wealthy part-time residents here.
Limit growth....we moved here for the small town. Instead of inviting industry and manufacturing here, provide transportation for county residents to get to jobs in Henderson and Buncombe County. Transportation is a big obstacle to finding and keeping employment.
Listed above.
Listen to feedback from potential commercial businesses. :-)
Listen to people who have lived here for more than 20 years and have grown up in this area. Especially the young people who have had to leave to find jobs to raise families.
Listen to the locals
Listen to the people that work here and live here!!
Listen to the voices and needs of women to create a truly family-supportive community. Commissioners need to support equal pay, a living wage, child care, early childhood education, school lunches, quality teaching and teaching assistant opportunities. Commissioners need to support PUBLIC education (not vouchers) and teachers. Further, Mission Hospital should not be allowed to take over and control medical care in Transylvania County.

Response Text
<p>Living here almost the entirety of my life, I have seen Transylvania county grow for almost three decades now. It has moved out of its conservative southern roots (still taking time) and is finally getting conscious about the consideration for future generations. I think the highest priority of all in regards to resources is the conservation of water, and to not allow big corporate businesses to start capitalizing on it. I think water is the next oil and I think keeping an eco-conscious mindset about how we develop, use, recycle, and unfortunately pollute it, we do it in a manner that is sustainable. I do not like the idea of a disposable economy, and I think that local government is the strongest form, and can prevent us from digging ourselves into graves with the energy companies that might think otherwise. Our state is threatened by the highly toxic hydraulic fracking, and I think preventive economic measures to steer us away from 'long term pollution versus short-term gain' business model will strengthen this county the most. This county has been blessed with a population of people that are environmentally passionate, though I still think the population could benefit as a whole. I think maybe a pamphlet mailed out by the county informing citizens on the results of their personal waste might prove beneficial in the long run. I think building a healthy societal infrastructure and paying more attention to the lower-class, and getting them off of government programs is key. For example, my mother is diagnosed with clinical depression and her medication bills to help her with that depression total a whopping \$1800 a month. But her social security benefits total a mere \$795 a month to live off of. How did it come to this? I understand that the county has little say about how much federal assistance is given to its population, but I feel a strong investment in a population of disabled people would prove healthy to the county. It is hard to identify the demographic I am referring to, because mental health affects a lot of people, all ages, races and income levels. But I am mostly referring to the able bodied working class that has lost a severe motivation and has been numbed by whatever prescriptions doctors think will work. I think about preventive measures that I know about in the county. Meridian, for example is one my mother has attended. However, this organization is widely underfunded and some of the attendees do not want any part in it, and are sent there only for court mandated reasons. I think this is a great start in creating a healthy county and should be invested in over the next ten years.</p>
<p>Living here is like Heaven! It can only get better from here.</p>
<p>Living wage jobs for the people who made this county what it is today and their families!</p>
<p>Living wages and realistic jobs are what we need. A town cannot sustain itself on tourism and one or two major employers that pay shit</p>
<p>Locals should have free access to the forest attractions</p>
<p>Look around. What draws people here now: natural beauty, parks, National Forest. Brevard College and the Music camp. Building on what is here now is the way to go. Small businesses will continue to come because of the quality of life. My wife and I came because of Brevard College and the affordability of housing. We stayed because of the good schools and great cycling around the county.</p>
<p>Look at the traffic in the mornings on 280 and 64 all leaving the county to go to work. There not working here!</p>
<p>Look into small home movement. Could help with home ownership and avoid unsightly condos. Please no more Housing Authority type situations. They are all unattractive and segregate the poor. I know it's a tough issue, but how about vouchers toward rent. I mean, the idea isn't to keep people in their present state, is it? They should have to experience the real world like the rest of us. That land could be put to better use, putting attractive apartments, tiny homes, etc. in their place.</p>
<p>Love living in Transylvania County, but would like to see laws updated for residents to better enjoy living in this beautiful place. As stated previously, better humane laws, restrictions on target shooting in neighborhoods and restrictions on farms, such as pig farms in neighborhoods.</p>
<p>Love the schedule monthly on doorknobs - please put day of week with dates. Could an "exercise/health" event be another color page? Tree line all streets in small town</p>
<p>Lower taxes for people like me who own property in Rosman but do not live there yet. I'd like to retire there one day but the taxes on holding unimproved land are getting expensive</p>
<p>Maintain or expand the thoughtful editorial policies of the local newspaper. Extend the outreach of Brevard College and the Community College to the general populace -- and especially do what is possible to return to the policy of very low cost to the elderly (retired) to attend courses which may extend their skills still possible as they enter that period of their lives.</p>
<p>Maintain the natural resources that are here: build an economic base around it. Build the Ecusta Trail!</p>
<p>Maintain the quality of the environment or we lose the tourists and many retirees who moved here for that quality.</p>
<p>Maintenance and upgrading of Hwy 64 east to west is imperative.</p>
<p>Wayfinding signage always a good idea.</p>
<p>Higher density, for all ages, small development apartments, low rents, private investors. 8 to 12 units interspersed in residential areas near public transportation.</p>

Response Text
Make a brochure showing places to visit in the County other than National Forest and DuPont
Make it friendlier to bug industry like the ones we lost ex. Dupont, Olin, Ecusta
Make it somewhere where your kids have fun and you feel safe about bringing them here! The kids are what really matters
Make it the small town again, like festivals (twilight tour) that the locals loved to come to & now avoid. Jobs that will help pay people to afford housing & bills & be able to save versus just scrapping by, I know that education to further yourself is important so that is where saved money can go. Help rebuild local economy by making things affordable for locals to buy to support our businesses.
Make livable for lower and middle class people- everything TOO expensive. No Comporium.
Make this a place where my children can come back and raise their families yet have careers that can help them afford to live here. I fear my children will not be able to live near me when they grow up.
Make trash disposal free so more people will use it.
Manage money wisely. Use money paid to use a resource for that resource.
Mandate a minimum time frame of living in our community and being a registered voter of 5 years before being allowed to be on city/county boards. We have too many part-time residents who want things changed to "the way it was in ___ city/county." Encourage more lifelong residents to be involved in city/county boards/government! Our heritage depends on it. And oust Burrows & Freeman! I'm sure another city would just Love to have them! --- (Yes, I know this was sent from Burrows, but no changes in his attitude for YEARS! We the community are tired of bicycle paths, bicycle shops, land use for recreation [We have How MANY THOUSANDS of acres of Nat'l, State and city/county {Rosenwald} forest land - All NOT contributing to the county's tax base!])
Many things are right with this county, which is why we live here. My biggest concern is that as the economy recovers and development accelerates that we be smart about growth. If we need zoning to accomplish a sane plan of growth, let our city officials show courage. Brevard is a wonderful place, and I would hate to see if follow the path of unplanned horror stories, such as Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Keep an eye on the sane growth of Traveler's Rest because of the Swamp Rabbit trail! The Ecusta Trail would do a lot for us.
MARK BURROWS NEEDS TO RETIRE, RESIGN OR BE FIRED. IN 30 YEARS, HE HAS NO MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. HE DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO" WINE AND DINE "GOOD BUSINESS PROSPECTS. GET SOMEONE THAT IS A PROMOTER WITH THE RIGHT POLITICAL CONNECTIONS.
mid-range restaurant; lower health care
Minimize government and regulation of all types. Maintain strict enforcement of existing public laws. Seek to increase cultural and family priorities in the community. Provide incentive for young people to be able to stay in the community as they mature. Incentivize clean up and upkeep of private property. Involve community volunteerism in as many projects as feasible.
More afford childcare options
More affordable child care options.
More affordable everything. lol. We need things to do and place to go with our kids that we can afford and that aren't expensive. We LOVE the smaller, cheaper water parks in Greenville, SC. The admission prices range from \$7 - \$12 (affordable for anyone). Fun for kids of all ages. Maybe not something they'd do every weekend, but some probably would. They sell season passes and single admission. Great for families with children and alternative to forest where parents have to worry about snakes and such. Just a though...
More and better job diversity, industry and manufacturing, less old people. More support to our children and high schools.
more beer more bikes
More diversity - especially in public officials
more equitable personal property taxation
More ethic activities
More family restaurants like Perkins, Denny's, Village Inn, Cracker Barrel, etc. where you can get a good meal at an affordable price, and it feels like a restaurant and not fast food. I am sick of all the fast food places in this town.
More focus on real life. We have a large population of our children living in poverty. Check out the free and reduced lunch numbers. More on parent education and preschool learning. More children are coming to school with no life skills and/or resources. It seems that as long as the cyclists, retirees, and tourists are provided for everything is good. Dig into the real fabric of our county and help.
More forest camp sites; ETJ - They provide me with nothing! I have no city provisions and get they tell me what I can and cannot do! The City tells me everything and provides me with nothing.

Response Text
I like less city. Retired but still work to make ends meet. Do not have Obama care - can't afford to get.
more good paying jobs
More government transparency, more citizen involvement in local government. A healthy balance between tourism/manufacturing/and other industry here. Young people and families can no longer survive and thrive here. Competitive wages are non-existent in our major employers.
more job opportunities, increased funding for schools and continued funding for senior citizens
More Jobs
more jobs, better roads, more recreation for children, more shelters for homeless
More law enforcement presence in the upper end of the county (Lake Toxaway)
more liquor and Nascar
More minority business ownership and opportunities for minorities and young people to live and work in the county.
More native Transylvanian's in public office instead of non-Transylvanian's make decisions about our county.
More parking, more sidewalks for those who walk. More progressive thinking County Commissioners. It's really a great place to live.
More places for teenagers like me to hang out and be teens, state/county funded tutoring for students who need it, more options for teens to get jobs, more options for jobs for adults, better safety for bicyclists
More places to recycle in town.
More places to work and shop
More rights to property owners & work to lower the price of single family housing.
More sit-down, nice, family restaurants.
More places for youth to go to recreational activities.
Bike paths off of main highways and roads.
More supervision of the speed and noise on
Rte 215
More time to answer this questionnaire
More time to fish
More tourist attractions..... Tourists bring in money for the county..... (and city)
Do not raise taxes..... Hard on local residents
More industry.....better chain restaurants..... they create jobs
More zoning to prevent uncontrolled growth.
Mountain Biking and cycling in general are big parts of the economy and tourism in Transylvania County, so it needs more to help improve the economy even better
Museum of arts and natural history and local history, maybe a beltway to Hendersonville, loosen fishing and bird hunting fees and general opportunities.
MUST look at land management and development for "shovel ready/ turnkey" manufacturing that wants to relocate. If we have it our chances of getting them to come is much greater.
My ancestors were 1st settlers in the 1790's....of this county when it was settled. They petitioned the gov. to make the 3 counties....Buncombe, Henderson and Transylvania. They were 1st county commissioners, Justice, Sheriff, clerk of court, Ministers, started schools, were teachers, on the board of education, road builders and more. They worked the land...with blood, sweat, tears, and gave their lives in the Civil War. None of them were paid the high salaries of our managers and these boards who plan all this growth. It grew to the beautiful land and the industries that gave good jobs that made it what it is. (beginning to be "was") if more is not done like they did I don't see good growth...Everyone has to have deep pockets full of money and they call what they do work...Ancestor's would not believe the way people are today and what is achieved from the salaries paid.
My main concern is the bike lane on roadways. It's just so dangerous for drivers and the bikers as it is now. We need that bike lane to save someone's life. PERIOD

Response Text
My thought is that everything is high priority because everything is interrelated; any change benefits / affects other changes.
n/o
Nature is the future
need a shoe store; don't need any more banks, grocery stores, fast food restaurants
need an electric vehicle charging station or two to put us on the map
Need better way to get to work in mills river
Need bike lanes, need rails to trails, need major industry/employer, need to improve and re-pave roads not spend money on fancy tax offices, etc. Need zoning to stop all the eye sore trailers and run down properties, need to have major anti-litter enforcement. Need to stop raising taxes on property that we cannot even sell for the new appraised assessed values!!!!
need buses to Henderson County to work
Need business to support families year round. Our children need to be able to stay here and support a family.
need job growth
Need more good paying jobs
Need more jobs. Need more family restaurants. Law enforcement need to be paid more for what they do!
need public transportation to jobs in Henderson/Buncombe
Need to find more things for teens to get into and keep them interested in staying here
Need to look at how we can benefit from all the jobs in upstate SC
Need to support the Ecusta Trail.
Never forget about the people who made this county what it is and how good it used to be to bring up a family. The locals are being pushed out so that tourism can take their place.. Family's in this county used to not struggle to make it around here and now they have to leave to support their family
New county commissioners
New Internet Service Provider, Better restaurants, clean up business fronts
New Sheriff. Better restaurant choices. Help for small businesses. Allowing bigger companies to come in like Sierra Nevada should have, to give jobs to locals.
NO Consolidation of RHS and BHS. (School teacher coming out in me... *Typos in boards! Should have been proofread! Looks bad on TCS and TC! Land use: Understanding=Understanding, Current= Current. Community Services Facilities: Include= include.
-NO FRACKING - EVER.
-The channel called "Free Speech TV" should be carried by the local cable company called Comporium NOW.
-Far stricter laws against animal abuse and animal cruelty.
-NO voter suppression at all. EVER!
No jobs for those with a professional education/skill set. It's only the very abundant or the very needy. We have sought to move elsewhere to make a living wage. Our primary residence has become a vacation home.
No more bike paths, no rails to trails, etc., etc. We already have miles and miles of hiking/biking/horseback riding trails. How about a public shooting range. We do not have one of those yet.
No more Chain restaurants. No more big box stores. More small business loans and more breweries and bicycle lanes. More affordable rental units for 20-30 year olds.
-NO more fast food restaurants
-Blue Ridge Rail service could develop a great scenic and business opportunity to include Hendersonville, Brevard, and Asheville- Use trains to cut down on car/oil use and pollution to connect these 3 towns.
No runners or bikes on roads. Racing on mtn. roads are very dangerous.
No Zoning
No zoning, no school consolidation
None

Response Text
None
None further than already covered.
Not denying businesses like Sierra Nevada which would bring major revenue to our town. Encourage something bold at the old Ecusta location. Keep funding public schools to maintain our rank as one of NC's finest. Encourage more cultural arts on king street.
Now is not too early to start planning for 2025 solid waste management. Waiting to the last minute is a certain way to limit options and throw taxes away with the garbage. It is most likely that we will not find another landfill site in the County. Therefore, it seems there are two actions that should be considered. 1) Aggressively promote recycling to extend the life of Woodruff and 2) locate and purchase a site for a transfer station asap if out-of-county waste disposal is a high probability. Citizens do not want to think about solid waste. Therefore the Planning Board must take the leadership in this unpopular role.
off leash dog park in Brevard
Once the priorities are established, move quickly to implement. Less talk and more action.
Open the birthing center. Too far to go to Asheville. Good industry & manufacturing jobs in the county.
Our #1 priority should be to protect our natural environment/beauty/rural character not at the expense of economic development but rather to STIMULATE economic development. If we give up on an environmental protection we give up the main selling point of businesses locating in our county. Fast food strip are ugly and create temp jobs for high school kids; they may generate tax revenue but do nothing for economic development.
Our county needs to do Its Best to bring back families. They are The ones who will keep Our county afloat. Keep aiming economic development towards outsiders and retirees; You won't have anyone left to provide services!
our leaders do a v fine job of uniting a population from varied backgrounds - keep it up
Our roads should be a priority since so many have to drive to work and school; we should be so ashamed of our bad roads and do something about them instead of talking about building new roads. We do not need a roundabout for the taxpayers to have to pay for, if so we should be able to vote on that.
Our strongest engine for growth in the next 10 years will be our outdoor recreational resources. People, like myself, who are able to telework will move here to enjoy those resources and quality of life, but only if we have the technological backbone to support them. I am not happy with my high speed internet connection or cell coverage here. These are the same people who would like to bike/walk to community resources. Creates more bike lanes and walkable amenities and the desired citizenry will follow.
Outdoor rec is the prime economic driver. The County needs to provide more support to public land outdoor rec facilities (trails exp.) as they are being overrun and will deteriorate without support.
Parks and Recreation Department does a great job offering facilities and activities for all ages. Personnel at the Rec Office are friendly and accommodating.
Paved bike paths are not used by bikes. Bicyclists will continue to ride on the roads regardless and is a waste of the county's money.
Pay attention to current valid and reliable research and the science regarding early education and climate change. There are commissioners that do not have the ability or desire to understand these issues. Minimize their influence so that Transylvania County will be a place people want to live, work, play and raise their families.
People come to Transylvania County because they love the way it is. If we don't plan on how to conserve (not preserve) it, it will be a different animal in the future. Keeping working families in the county will help keep our schools populated (ergo, funded). Providing the freedom for individuals to profitably operate their businesses, mine is agriculture, will keep us sustainable on our triple bottom line and will keep us here in the future.

Response Text
<p>People come to Transylvania County because they WANT to. Despite the economic disadvantages we have here, we can overcome those obstacles by making our area more receptive to businesses, whether they be start-ups, or growing small businesses. Get off the mindset of all about Brevard. With the UDO and ETJ obstacles there, we see how this county has gotten the reputation for being obtrusive to business. However, Rosman has water, sewer, and gas availability, along with 50+ acres across from the New Excelsior plant that SHOULD be developed into an industrial site. All the MAJOR employers in the county (Besides County Government and County Education) are in the lower end of the county. Gaia Herbs, Smith Systems, Genie Products, Excelsior, MB-Industries, LBM Industries, and etc. They can be our best sales-people for this area, but they are neglected and forgotten. The county line doesn't end at the bowling alley, although most of those on these boards have never been past there. This creates the disconnect between those that have been here all their life and those that move here and decide to infiltrate all these boards and turn it into "where they came from". If it was so great, then why'd you leave? Just asking...Also, over 2/3rds of this county is Federal or State Forest land. These lands are already protected. Then you have another 10-15% in City & Town limits, then another 10% or so in HOA & POAs in the county. That doesn't leave much land to develop to attract employers. We have to be very careful with the little we can develop to not restrict it too much that it can't be used in a positive manner. Our Natural Resources are one of our best assets in this County (besides our People), and they are protected through those jurisdictions. Don't overstep with more regulations because there is no need for it. In closing, don't neglect the rest of the county. Beer and Bicycles are good for the promotion of our area, and have done wonders to give credence to our County, BUT don't hang your hat on those. They don't pay the bills by creating a plethora of job opportunities. And get out of Brevard and the retail districts every once in a while, and you might just discover some gems in our county that you never knew existed.</p>
<p>Perhaps two or three free trash days a year would keep the tires, stoves etc. out of the rivers and stiff fines for littering would keep it off the roadways. Are these mountain values?</p>
<p>Pisgah Forest is getting more and more use. Major trails are becoming badly eroded. The Forest Service is not responding adequately to this huge and recent change with necessary maintenance. This will become a serious impairment to the recreational goals of the county as time goes on</p>
<p>Plan for the future. Failing to plan is planning to fail.....</p>
<p>Planning -just as you are doing with this survey. Continued improvement in elected officials in city and especially county government. Planning department that is easier to work with. Aggressive marketing of good businesses</p>
<p>Planning, planning, and planning. Each entity must work together for a comprehensive plan. This effort is a great start to that. There is nothing worse than visiting a place that has not had any long-term vision employed. We already have one of the best places in the United State, and if we don't steward it and grow intentionally, we could lose it. Thanks for your work!</p>
<p>Please consider avenues of revenue outside of tourism. It is a boon for our county, but makes us that live here, and raise our families here, feel second class.</p>
<p>Please consider bringing more job opportunities to this county, expanding parking uptown including getting rid of the parallel parking uptown, bike lines in acceptable, safe areas and repaving many of the roads.</p>
<p>Please consider making the county commissioner positions non-partisan. We may get a better mixture of points of view since partisan designations mean that many voters just pay attention to the party of the candidate and not their ideas, and not all good ideas come from any one party.</p>
<p>Please consider replacing or repaving roads all over the county. Consider bringing bigger business into the community once again. Have more recreation and play areas for children</p>
<p>Please continue the great efforts to get the community involved in planning!!!! Please continue to work collaboratively with the other governing entities in our community so people can be on the same page and we can better direct our limited resources to solve problems and improve our community!! Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!! :-D</p>
<p>Please do not bring many more people into the county. We moved here to get away from the busy roads and other things that go with city life.</p>
<p>Please do not let it become a Hendersonville-----keep it simple-----you can never go back after you develop too much----it has come a long way but needs to be very selective about growth that would ruin that small town yet sophisticated atmosphere.</p>

Response Text
Please don't let conservative, anti-change agendas direct the future of this county. I love it here, and I want to see this amazing place be even more amazing. Let's work together to make positive changes that bring our communities together while celebrating diversity through progress, innovation, and creativity. I want to see more pedestrians, more cyclists and fewer cars. I want to see more small businesses that pay living wages and aren't solely directed at tourists. I want to see less resistance and more celebrations. I want to keep Transylvania county beautiful and share what we have, but tourism should not be the only economic force. I don't think large scale industry or manufacturing is the answer. I think we should focus on building a strong, sustainable local economy. I want to see more local resources, like a food co-op in walking distance of downtown that charges fair prices. I want to see public transportation; I want to see affordable spaces for start-up businesses and affordable housing for the younger generation.
Please don't let it become urban sprawl and ugly and look like every other city (same box stores and restaurants and hotels). Put an emphasis on zoning and visual beauty of the town. Keep it a small town
Please get some industry and other jobs in the county so our kids can live here as well and not have to leave to find work. And do something about the cost of living in this area. Kids can't even start off around here. We don't need any more rich retirees moving in here and driving the prices up with their huge houses and gated communities.
Please have the city stop being so hostile to new business. Build a new high school, my goodness; it will not be long until we are only graduating 100 seniors a year. Running 2 high schools is dumb.
please let businesses, large businesses locate in this country, we have the reputation of being anti-business
PLEASE maintain focus on promoting arts & culture & outdoor recreation! These are what set Transylvania apart. Please court non-polluting businesses. Please, please pressure Comporium or other communication providers to UPDATE grossly, woefully inadequate infrastructure so that the county can attract people & businesses that rely on TRUE high-speed internet service. Thanks!
Please preserve the natural beauty and safety of Transylvania County.
Please protect our natural resources--they are economic future and our children's.
Please remember that we are planning for the next 10 years, but what you do today will affect the next 100 years. Places like Transylvania are rare today. We need to keep it as natural and pristine as possible while providing jobs and homes for a comfortable middle class. We must be very careful not create a place where there are only very rich and very poor.
Please remember the people who live here daily. That were either born here or have moved and are dedicated to raising a family here. If conditions for younger Transylvania county residents don't change (wages, job availability, and cost of home ownership) many natives will be forced to relocate.
Please stop spending thousands of dollars on consultants who tell us what anyone with common sense already knows.
Please support and emphasize sustainable, permanent business, our school, and public health, safety and recreation.
Please take into consideration the answers and comments on these surveys. I was born and raised here and have also raised my 2 Sons who also live here. Most move away and only come back to visit because of lack of most of what was listed in the survey. Please listen to what we the locals want and don't make it all about bringing in tourist dollars. Yes, I know they bring a lot of money into the county, especially during the Summer months. Focus on doing just that year around!!!
Please upgrade the roads.
Please, please fix the traffic lights on Main, French Broad, Caldwell, and Broad so that locals don't have to sit there indefinitely waiting for a chance to dart through. They're unfair to those of us who live here.
political diversity
Preserve our current assets (forest, downtown historical area, low key lifestyle) while attracting employment opportunities for families.
Preserve Transylvania County's cultural and environmental assets and improve pedestrian, biking and recreational infrastructure.
Preserve, protect, and enhance what is special about this county.
Pre-spraying roads when ice is predicted, public transportation, and cell phone coverage.
Prioritize environmental attention to local commercial issues, like Oscar Blues brewery and others, make it easier for new business to come into County....encourage local development while maintaining env. Laws....create bike friendly roads, esp. Hwy 276.
Prioritize the completion of the Ecusta rail trail to Hendersonville. this will draw much more tourism to the Brevard area

Response Text
Progressive leadership; let go of the idea a big industry will come back and focus on small business; encourage entrepreneurs; we need young families who can earn a living in the county; catch up to the tourism that is already here by building bike lanes and providing a form of transportation to and from outskirts of county and downtown; no more fast food restaurants
Projects like the Ecusta Trail should be embraced as a way to publicize ourselves and attract people and businesses to the area.
PROPERTY TAX FOR UNIMPROVED FORESTED LAND HAS BECOME, OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS, PROHIBITIVE. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SELL OUR LAND SOON. LAND THAT HAS BEEN IN THE FAMILY SINCE 1909, OUR FAMILY HAVING BEEN HERE SINCE 1805.
Protect and promote local agriculture and businesses while limiting second-home/seasonal housing and commercial development. Support the residents who are already here instead of recruiting more people to come/move here.
Protect the natural environment. Need to have public transportation between Brevard, the airport and Asheville. Stop focusing on trying to bring manufacturing into the county. Those types of jobs are gone and it is time to focus on other types of development such as encouraging tourism.
Protect what makes her great--the Courthouse, the small town cultural feel, restore the birthing center so that Transylvania County is self-sustaining, and don't fall victim to the failed model of using local tax dollars to screw locals while unwisely shelling out thousands of dollars to outside companies who are unlikely to succeed, fulfill expectations or live up to their lofty promises.
Provide some level of county funding to the established community centers throughout the county... not just the ones that serve as polling places.
Provide support and encouragement for small businesses.
Providing more support for locals and their children to have a future worth remaining in Transylvania County with providing jobs and affordable housing opportunities. As a native these are currently not options for my children to be able to have as an adult and remain in Transylvania County.
Public transportation is not needed. As a person who serves the indigent community, most of the families have access to transportation. They don't choose to use it. The government and agencies need to stop telling people how to live and embrace people right where they are. The focus needs to be shifted to an area that is going to impact lives. We need to be in the community asking the locals what they want and need instead of us assuming what they want or need.
Public transportation, public transportation, public transportation. In order for the residents of TC to get and keep jobs there is going to have to be a public transit system that will connect them to Asheville and Hendersonville, in addition to local resources. Not a door to door cab service or a bus system that only takes Elderly residents to play cards.
Put recycling stations throughout the county free of charge to residences. Add more parks to US 178 and picnic tables along the creeks.
Put the children first. A great childhood will in turn produce great adults and leaders.
Quit catering to the rich/old and tourism industry and start focusing on rebuilding a middle class in this county. We need better paying jobs so we do not have to go outside of the county. A good estimate of high schoolers leaving this county and not returning after college is around 90%...
Quit rejecting good paying jobs. Get your head out of your Butts.
quit spending tax payers money on foolish things like a wellness center for government employees
Quit the catering to people who do not live here, pay attention to the local businesses, and most importantly the city needs to come off its high horse and quit giving the businesses that are trying to do good for our community (example Oskar Blues) such a hard time. That cost us a restaurant in downtown from a company who has tried their best to do things here, and who also brought several jobs to this area.
Quit trying to bring in tourists
Quite hiding behind the excuse of "job creation" when another low-wage fast food establishments wants to construct an eyesore. Transylvania needs quality jobs that will attract educated young people, not minimum wage jobs that will make them go elsewhere.
Rails to trails will be beneficial to the entire area. Henderson county has already made a commitment. We are hoping Brevard and Transylvania County gets on board.
Real Estate tax structure is not based on current market values.
Reasonable application - and marketing - of a well-planned and consistently applied growth plan would seem to encourage a needed and sustainable rate of growth which can provide new jobs and improving incomes. All of which will, in my humble opinion, enhance the desirability of living here.
Red light co-ordination needs work.
Reduce friction between political left and right

Response Text
Reduce planning dept. activities by 75%. The residents will choose their own priorities without government imposing "policies" based on "community surveys".
Reduce property taxes
reduce taxes
--reduce the perceived divide between old timers and new comers
--reduce the racial & economic disparities among whites, blacks, and Hispanics
--face the reality of the need to raise taxes
Regardless in what city I have lived business owners are generally ignorant of the importance of displaying their business street address in large numbers that can be read as one passes by at 35-45 mph. They all have a mindset that says "you can't miss us," right across the street from some other business.
Remember, outdoor recreation based tourism is a revenue positive marketing strategy. THERE WILL NEVER BE A LARGE SCALE MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN TC EVER AGAIN. EVER. Give up that ghost and focus on our strengths. I always say, be nice to that biker, because someday he or she may be your boss. Build the Ecusta Trail and rail bank the line. Don't let the yahoos on the and tin foil hat types sabotage the future. Their lack of vision got us into this mess. Put people in charge who are creative thinkers and are not arresting their development by listening to crazy people like Glenn Beck and that ilk. Get Mike West and Wayne Hennie off of the planning board. They are there to sabotage planning. Fire them.
Remind people that growth means families, teens, children, who will ride bikes, need recreation facilities like pools.
Retirees are not sustainable, young professional families are. Take advantage of Pisgah and promote the outdoor lifestyle.... Lots of quality money there
Same as before, cell phone coverage, traffic flow in Brevard (traffic signals are terrible with turn lanes and no turn signal as well as turn signal with not turn lanes) bike lanes on our roads (it is not safe to the drivers or the bike riders on our roads)
Scenic beauty, recreation, small town feel, close enough proximity to Asheville and Hendersonville. These are the main things the county has going for it. It is important to keep the overall cost of living low so all types can afford to live here.
Schools and Industry!!!!
Seems like there was a similar survey just a few years ago, maybe that is why response to this one is low. I will say now what I said then: it is exceptionally difficult to recruit industry because we are so far off the interstate, there is so little usable land, and we don't have the necessary water/sewer infrastructure. Transylvania is finally accepting the loss of our high-paying industrial base, which made us unique in NC if not the entire South. Well educated parents with young children are finding Brevard an attractive place and are becoming entrepreneurial in order to live here. The more we can encourage and streamline bureaucratic hurdles to new business, the more young, educated families will live here. At the same time, we desperately need quality early childhood education programs, and parent education programs, as we have many parents who don't know how to parent, and become parents before they can economically support a family. We need to protect the natural resources that we all enjoy and that attract tourists and new residents to the community. The goal should not be to increase our population, but to change our population mix so we don't have one of the most elderly populations in the state. I see that happening now.
Set goals to encourage growth and financial income to businesses. Set moral standards to the young generation to encourage capable, intelligent, trustworthy mature citizens for the future growth of Brevard and Transylvania county. Encourage people to allow internationals to bring business into the town and county to give the public more employment opportunity.
Sidewalks, bike paths, high speed internet are very important to our growth. Thank you!
Silvermont upkeep held to higher standard
Smaller government. County should accommodate businesses that provide good jobs. Too much focus on tourism has RUINED our forests, parks, and rivers, while providing very little economic stimulus. We have sold our outdoors (that local folks used to enjoy) for lower wages and less free time than we had with a manufacturing based economy. County Government should invest in utilities and things that will provide an economic return (NOT courthouses and government buildings)
Spend money on planning/zoning and then enforce regulations
spend more on teachers & assistants & less on county facilities & added personnel
Spend the money needed to upgrade or replace water treatment plant - upgrade water system so there is adequate water for new businesses moving in and increase in population.
Spread more of the tax burden to tourists because they use many of the facilities and the infrastructure which are paid for by county taxes. An occupancy tax should be explored. People are used to paying an occupancy tax when the visit a nice place.
Spread the word - Transylvania County is amazing.

Response Text
Standards for development but being reasonable since the land in the county is so diverse. Encourage better businesses which will encourage better housing and culture.... affordable housing but not section 8 unless a serious need exists. Look at other successful areas - Portland Oregon as an example - they controlled the core and let outer areas for less dense development..... Encourage small business vs. big box retailers. Keep good access to Asheville and Greenville SC for business to get product to market.... internet very important.
Start a second newspaper without so much bias.
Start planning for sustainable population growth and development and how to preserve resources including prime farm land, waterways and forest land. More is not always better, and economic development needs to be sustainable, not just achievable.
Stay true to our Heritage. We are proud to be from WNC Mountains!
Stop catering to the tourists and help the LOCALS!!!! Kids need more things to do inside and outside. I love my small town, but, I don't want to see it turn into Asheville or New York City. We need more affordable housing and child care instead of "vacation homes." Make it affordable to live here again. We can't afford vacations so stop building part time houses and focus on houses for the locals and the homeless. Also, crack down on all the METH, crack/cocaine, pain pills, and heroin in this county!!!!
stop fighting the rails to trails and participate in it....it will really benefit the county
Stop focusing on tourism as the only means of income and worry about the people who live here.
Stop letting outside people that are new to our town try and decide what's best for it. Let it be a county wide vote we live her let us have a say in our town and go off it
Stop listening to these clinically insane people who think that Obama is coming to take our guns and make us all take birth control. Agenda 21 has no jurisdiction here, and our County Commissioners are cowards if they are afraid of this ludicrous conspiracy theory. We need all the help we can get to update our city infrastructure, bring in light industry and small business. People come to live and work in Transylvania County because of its quality schools, good county infrastructure and natural beauty far more than its low tax rates. I am asking a lot out of this county, and I'm willing to pay for it as long as it's being administered by a transparent, efficient and trustworthy government.
Stop looking for the past to return and concentrate on current assets to attract more business & community partners like Oskar Blues who gives back. Attracting "Holiday Inn, Wal-Mart, K-Mart" type business is only needed if the owners want to participate and help the community (they are totally uninterested in our city or county (symbiotic) unless it directly affects them (parasitic).
Stop making the tourist run the county. We need factories & plants jobs so locals can live here. Lower the property sales very very very low so locals and low income folks can buy houses and businesses.
We can have entertainment for the adults, teenagers, youngsters all year round. Change the leaders each year. Be elected in who are born and raised in Transylvania county
Stop putting tourist ahead of the people who live here year around.
Stop spending money on reports and consultants to look at issues if you are not willing to do something. The cities of Brevard and Rosman are part of the county, so work with them to make this a better place, sort out a county wide solution to our water and sewer problems. Work with the education system to define what will make our county the leader in K - 12 outcomes in WNC and make this a point of difference to our surrounding counties. We can only hope to get a small percentage of The jobs created in this area over the next 10 years so why not give working families a compelling reason to at least live in our county.
Stop the far left cultural swing; they're not the majority. Transylvania County, to be any better than it already is, needs JOBS.
Stop trying to get more tourism. It puts more stress on local residents - we get no benefits from tourism.
Strive to remain a faith-based and centered community.
Strong enforcement of development ordinances (Bojangles complex) . I am a landscaper and have seen the rules for landscaping. They are very reasonable and will keep our town looking 'green' and inviting and prevent the strip mall look. Sure would love to see more of the work being done on new construction done by local people.
Stronger working relationship between county commissioners and school board.
Support Blue Ridge community college
Support our County Economic Development Department and fund their needs
Support the Haven and similar to reduce poverty level.
Survey, it's very helpful to hear the comments, thanks.
Sustainable and environmentally responsible development.
Take a balanced approach. Also, try an initiative I've seen work in W.VA. Tying local food production and improved health outcomes. Try to reduce the gap between haves and have nots. So, for example, provide affordable housing and childcare and a living wage while protecting this environment, particularly water quality. Your money is limited, but still BALANCE its use.

Response Text
Take a broad initiative to inform our citizens that our single greatest asset that sets us apart from 99.9% of cities in the US and globe are our national and state forest land. We need to play to our strengths when searching out industry and business big and small that want to be positively aligned with our strengths. Catering solely to those industries could take decades to win over, but the outcome will be more economic sustainability and an overall better environment for those that precede us.
Take action. We simply aren't doing anything to improve our situation. Create a plan and raise taxes if necessary to make it happen. We will not improve without action or the money to take action.
Take care of more water and air
Take care of our children. They are our future.
Take care of what we have and not the runners or bike riders!!!
Take care of what we have here and manage growth so that it is balanced with the things that make for a better quality life for ALL county residents.
Tax break for natives!
Taxes are high for the area...get it under control
TC is a great place to live. Continue to educate those that call themselves 'lifelong' TC people of all the great things the county has to offer. Those things just may be different now.
Teach this concept to anyone wishing to participate in planning.
Parkinson's law of triviality. See link below.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parkinson%27s_law_of_triviality
Teenagers really need more things to do here. There aren't really any opportunities for them. We also really need more restaurants other than fast-food. We could really use some more family-friendly places to eat.
Tend to needs of people who live here year round! Not just flatlanders/tourists!
Term limits on any elected commissioner and mandatory 10 year residency before running for office.
THANK GOODNESS WE LIVE IN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE,
thank you
Thank you for doing this! Will the results be made available?
Thank you for doing this.
Thank you for looking toward the future for a County that has many qualities.
Thank you for offering the chance to provide input.
Thank you for requesting my input.
THANK YOU for seeking residents' opinions!
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these important issues!
Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process!
Thank you for the work being done to get public input!
Thank you!
Thanks for allowing public input. Very important
Thanks for asking me
Thanks for asking the residents for their input. Remain open to listen to the people. Be aware to let go of the past and look to move forward.
Thanks for creating this for our county.
Thanks for doing the survey.
An impact study might be valuable--- determine the valued in dollars of all the volunteerism that goes on this county. What would happen if those volunteers left? Each of the residents should become an ambassador for the people who would best fit into the vision of the community.
Thank you for helping to ferret put what that vision should be. !!!!
Thanks for doing this!!
Thanks for making the effort to send out a survey.
Thanks for the surveys

Response Text
Thanks for the time and effort that has gone into this process!
Thanks for the work done to create this survey. here's hoping that the results provide some guidance and that the County Commission takes an active role - instated of a reactive role "We can't afford that" "It's your money that we're spending" etc.
Thanks for your efforts in making Transylvania County an even better place to live.
Thanks to the natives who stayed and made Transylvania what it is. Also to the natives who returned because they knew a good thing after seeing the rest of the world. To those who decided to make this their home, thanks, but please don't try to change Transylvania to be like where you came from. After 50 years, here, you may become a "beloved stranger"
Thank-you for the survey. This and the focus groups that I heard were established is an encouraging trend - seeking input, engaging citizens, being collaboratively are all things that will help our community be strong and healthy. I definitely am concerned about affordable housing and resources for our community youth development, particularly teens. I think we need to continue to be or take action to be proactive to work with our outstanding land management leaders in the state and national forests to be sure that we can protect these incredible resources and key to our strength. I would support a plan to create National Recreation areas in Pisgah in consideration of the numbers that we manage and in the interest of protecting these unique and precious resources. It would give land managers more and better resources and options to do so.
The Christian ideals that the county and city government will continue to erode true community. Encouraging students to join the military will result in ill-care for veterans, and what are they fighting for anyway? The right to eat fast food and remain ignorant?
The cost of living in Transylvania County far outweighs minimum wage which most jobs around here provide.
The county government should have nothing to do with what type of housing is in this county. The people who live here will determine what housing is needed. What the county needs to do is get out of the way of anyone trying to responsibly run a business, and bring in industry/manufacturing to raise the standard of living for everyone. When our residents have decent jobs, they can earn a decent wage and live a decent life. Our county government is holding back its residents' ability to live as they would choose. We are not heard on issues concerning our tax dollars. We don't need new dog pounds, overwhelmingly expensive Sheriff's Departments, or multi-million dollar libraries. We need water/sewer/internet access/electrical necessities that industries would want to see in order to bring their businesses to our county. Tax dollars spent on manufacturing recruitment would be money well spent. The local schools are continually going downhill at educating our children. There is a constant barrage of advertising that tries to convince us that our kids are getting a phenomenal education. Anyone who has children in our schools knows better. They're learning less and less and are not being taught to be independent and responsible. Administrators are more worried about someone being called a bully or "Backpack Buddies" than whether or not the students are being educated. Looking at a breakdown of where our money is spent, how could the residents near Rosman and continuing westward be content with our county government. We pay most of the taxes. What do we get for it? We get the garbage, the stray dogs, and the teachers that no one else wants. Would you be happy being treated this way?
The county is going in the wrong direction. I've lived here my whole life, and I don't like how the focus in recent years has been on more tourism. We need to get manufacturing, agriculture, and good-paying jobs back to the county. Also, the bicycles are really getting on my nerves and on the nerves of many other multi-generation Transylvania County residents. That doesn't bring any extra revenue into the county and doesn't create jobs. Also there should be school consolidation, especially the elementary schools. TC Henderson should definitely be closed and those kids should go to Rosman. Consolidating Pisgah Forest and Brevard Elementary should also be looked at. Having four elementary schools in such a small county is ridiculous. Keeping taxes low should be the #1 priority, and with that our county needs complete fiscal responsibility.
The county needs a source of year round good paying jobs. Too much reliance on seasonal low pay employment. The county needs to provide incentives that bring skilled and semi-skilled manufacturing/ industrial jobs that provide steady year round employment.
The county should invest in the local s for jobs before going out of the county. Several very qualified residents have been denied jobs and the county hired outsiders. We should take care of our own first.
The county should take some renewable energy initiatives, or really any green initiatives would be nice.
The Ecusta Rails to Trails would be an economic boon and still keep the rail bed available if ever there was a need for a railway again.

Response Text
The focus has been too much on retirees and tourists. We can still maintain that sector and still allow clean, responsible manufacturers and industrial type companies here. It does not have to be one or the other. We have seen our enrollments in schools shrink and our birthing center vanish because we have nothing here for younger people with families. It is a shame to see people who were born and raised here and their families have lived here for generations have to leave simply because there are no jobs that pay a livable wage here. I have seen it happen too many times and our family is fighting that battle now.
The friendly people of Brevard are already doing it!
The homeless population seems to be increasing. There seems to be more and more around the Food Lion/Jets Pizza area. And I think we need to enforce traffic laws to bike riders, I see them break the traffic laws often. And there are some houses in town that are vacant and the yards look awful (there are 2 on Whitmire Street) Can't the owners be made maintain them? They look bad! I think we have a beautiful city and county. I love living here. I also know many county residents that have to go to other counties and states to find a good paying job. Please let's work on that!
The intersection at the junction of Broad, Country Club Rd and Rosman Highway (at the Sunset Motel) is confusing and difficult. We need a turn signal on the Country Club side. We also need more recreation opportunities such as additional playgrounds, water spray play park, and water slide at pool. The parks and rec departments in Waynesville, Henderson County, and Greenville have many more options for recreation than we do.
The local citizens and working middle class in TC have been overlooked in the past years and have been put aside to cater to the out-of-town tourist and tourism economy. TC once had a booming middle class that was owed to the thousands of manufacturing jobs that we had. When Ecusta/Olin, Dupont/AGFA, and Coats of America/American Thread plants shut down and left was the down-ward turning point of this county. In the mean-while the younger generation of Transylvanians are moving away for jobs that provide a decent living wage that supports a middle class family. The jobs that are here now do not provide for that type of living. What TC needs is not another bike path (which is a waste of money because you still see bicyclist on the highways where there are bike paths), not more tourism, but industry that provides thousands of jobs for the locals.
The main reason we go out if town to spend money is to eat (a MUCH bigger variety to choose from), and to shop...for the same reason.
The most important thing that happens in Transylvania County is what happens in and through her Christian churches. Those beliefs and values are what make this county what it is.
The people who own land and have lived here a long time know how to take care of the land and the water. It does not add anything of value when you have conservationists yelling and screaming and wanting the land but are unwilling to pay anything for it. If you can find a way to rid these people of their leftist "it's mine!" attitude you would be finally moving in the right direction. Also the people who employ illegals need to be held accountable to the present laws. If the playing field is level everyone would benefit and unemployment in this county would go down and so would the drug use by our depressed, bored, unemployed citizens.
The recreational and cultural resources of the county are very important to attract those who will create the jobs and opportunities that will build the county.
The roads need to be better maintained main roads and secondary roads need to be updated.
THE RUMOR IS WE LOST MANY BUSINESSES DUE UNREASONABLE REGS AND UNFRIENDLY TREATMENT OF NEW BUSINESS. AMAZED THAT OSCAR BLUES, BOJANGLES, AND TRACTOR SUPPLY MADE IT THROUGH THE MAZE OF GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS
The small town, scenic beauty, and recreational opportunities are the counties assets which bring retirees and tourist. Make improvements that will bring their money.
The time of major industry has come and gone. Politicians and Corporations have abandoned American labor, and left us with the fallout- a Superfund site and a non-resilient workforce. It's time to stop hoping for the next Ecusta or Dupont, and put our resources (incentives, OUR tax dollars) in OUR people, the aspiring small business person, our local entrepreneurs, our farmers. As a county we can be more firm against wild economic swings if we are invested in our community, where we make the things we buy, eat, etc.
The traffic in town is getting out of hand. Part of the problem is that the speed limit changes between the library and Walmart so many times that no one knows what speed limit to drive. We also need to remove the street parking on Broad Street and increase the amount of lanes on South Broad. We are a growing town, but we need to do it sustainably.
There are a lot of people in this county that are right at the poverty level. In a lot of cases, they use public aid as bartering material for acquiring illegal substances. I think that if there were more full-time jobs, where they would be able to make a comfortable living wage, and that enforced the "Drug Free Work Environment" rules, this could be helped in some cases. If we can find a way to give them something to live for other than drugs, I think it could go a long way toward a better community.

Response Text
There are lots of homeschoolers in the county. It would be nice if there were more opportunities for them here in the county instead of having to travel elsewhere.
There are more than enough fast food restaurants, would like to see a better mid-range/healthier choice -Chipotle, Chili's, Panera etc.
There are several areas in the county that have become dumps on private property. The owners should be made to clean up or pay for the county to take care of it. These eyesores are a very bad advertisement for our county.
There are too many restrictions and regulations on private home and land owners. We need more jobs and less tourism. Try to focus on the needs of those who live here year round. The county is supporting the beer industries too much when it is just going to create more problems for the entire county.
There have been many children end up with cancer that live around Ecusta. Do something about the clean up! Why were only 8 samples taken when there should have been more tested, etc. Why was this covered up?! Do the right thing.
There is limited available land for installation of new industries that will not have an adverse environmental impact. Therefore the commission should concentrate on providing positive support for existing businesses and in attracting new businesses that will not be detrimental to our environment.
Far too many of the county residents are challenged to provide the minimum resources to healthfully sustain themselves and their families. These residents need jobs that pay a living wage. The commission has not adequately addressed the plight of the homeless The homeless residents require jobs, a roof over their heads, adequate food and clothing. Children (K through 12) require safe supervision during their guardians time at work. Stop creating "commissions/committees to nowhere" and begin implementing action to address residents' needs'.
There is so much more poverty than people realize. We need jobs that people can be proud of, that can support their families, so they don't turn to drugs... We need skills training - not just high school diplomas. They need to be trained in life skills - not just how to pass a test! We need mental health care DESPERATELY!!!! Our hospital is so overrun with behavioral health patients they don't have room for their truly sick patients! There is such disparity between the "haves" and "have nots." I want to live here for the rest of my life; I'm not sure I can afford to do that.
There must be more opportunities for the youth. Presently those who grow up here must move away to access any economic opportunities. We need all age brackets to have a viable thriving community.
There need to be jobs here that pay what it costs to live here. Service jobs do not pay enough and that is all the county has attracted for years.
These fast food places (ugh) will come. When there is a destination place (that fits, right?) as nice as Brevard - or TC in general, I see no reason to kiss their feet. If they realize it's lucrative to have a presence here, then require them to go with Plan B or C when building here. That Bojangle's - must glow in the dark with that vibrant orange color. Do you like it? Me neither. So, let's do like they do in the cool places like Stowe, VT. But then, we'd have to have a consistent plan, wouldn't we? Ah, there's the rub!
Things are great here but things need to be safer for the people and the roads need to be worked on and the parks need to be cleaned up.
Things for the children, teens in the county to do.
Thinking long-term for the benefit of citizens and visitors over the upcoming decades.
This is a great place to live and work. It is also a place in transition. We need to be able to realistically assess our resources and strengths and plan for the future, not just let the future happen to us. Thank you all for your hard work on this plan!
This is a huge question not easily answered. Transylvania county is a great place to live & work. I realize the county is a work in progress with the economic changes over the past 20 years, but if the primary focus is going to be in the tourism industry then the county needs to continue to improve infrastructure to support future needs in order to attract business. I feel it would be beneficial to the county to pursue at least 1 major manufacturing facility to help balance the economy.
This is a remarkable and beautiful place to live, while it will not remain such unless we invest in its future. We need to preserve the county's natural resources improving its attractiveness to potential employers. Younger people would love to live and work here if they could find jobs.
This is a wonderful community but we need younger more forward thinking people in our local government.
This is a wonderful place to live! I don't want to see it become "Disney world" (been there, done that!), but I would like to see a little more commercial development and better use of our tourism resources to encourage intelligent growth that supports our economy and gives local people more job opportunities without "selling out" to big business. The people are the best resource the county has!
This mayor and council and rest of team are doing a great job!

Response Text
three level care communities-College Walk only two level and need another choice
To be honest, I think the county will thrive only insofar as we become hospitable -- genuinely welcoming -- to folks who are different from us, including people of color, young folks, gay people, and people of non-Christian religious traditions. We need to welcome such people as entrepreneurs, farmers, health care workers, teachers, families, lawyers, musicians and artists, auto mechanics, etc.
To ensure the attractiveness of Transylvania County endures, people who live here year round and sustain the infrastructure and services must have solid, year round jobs with benefits that pay a wage capable of sustaining a quality of life expected by capable, talented people. Otherwise, low quality of living leads to negatives such as crime and clutter that defaces the natural beauty that symbolizes the area.
To grow in quality, not necessarily volume, housing, education, quality of life, and of course, jobs, - either the ability to work at home on a computer or in a multi-volume industry we must provide the ability to make this work. Tax incentives and the best access to the internet are mandatory.
To help those who need it without a cut-off due to finances. Affordable healthcare and such is not affordable when there are other things such as unexpected vehicle or home repairs needed.
To keep our forest clean and free of BIG Business and over logging. Keep BIG BAD BUSINESS from DESTROYING our AIR and Children.
To live: keep it a small mountain town-that is the charmTo work: keep out corporate businesses and focus on local businesses to keep our economy goingTo visit: keep the Appalachian culture alive and teach visitors about it so they appreciate how we live and the beauty they see around them to create a sense of awe so they will stop disrespecting locals and trashing our land.
To make Transylvania county better control the growing drug problem, expand businesses outside of the downtown area, improve the opportunity for education, better road maintenance, and less emphasis on service oriented jobs.
To our city council, county commissioners and related staff and employees: Continue to care. Continue to commit. Continue to believe in the future of this community. Continue to think ahead. Continue to consider everyone in all circumstances. Continue to prioritize, bearing in mind the greater good. Continue to be practical. Continue to ask the hard questions and make the hard decisions. Keep the big picture in mind and hold those to whom you delegate the details accountable. Consider how Brevard and Transylvania Co. are connected to the cities and counties around them. Beware of the temptation to believe that everything that is presented to the council/commission by experts and consultants is truth, fact or even applicable to our unique situation. Take the time to drill down into their backgrounds and the data and recommendations they make. Don't cavalierly discount the longtime local professionals who have been trying to affect the positive on a local level. LISTEN to them and the consultants that you hire. Are the consultants saying the same things your long term county/city employees have been telling you? Are the new consultants/experts parroting educational institutions, other resources, and first mentors or do they have practical experience to support their recommendations? Are consultants making proposals relevant to this community based on what they see elsewhere because it looks good somewhere else or do they know that their proposals meet our unique needs? Are they really creative? Are the consultants and developers wise (e.g. Jack Cecil of Biltmore Farms, Inc. told me when he began what is now Biltmore Park that he doesn't break ground on a new building unless that building is already 80% leased. Mark Latell told me as he was finishing French Broad Place that he did not yet have tenants.) Are you wise? Are you likely to want to bring to Brevard/Transylvania Co. something that worked or looked slick in Seattle? Stick to infrastructure/architecture that is in keeping with the unique history and character of our area. Know whether developers and business-people from outside the region really understand this region (climate, geography, culture) or whether they are wanting to repeat a footprint that worked elsewhere but might not work here. Do not hesitate to reverse a wrong course or undo or stop what isn't working. Do not do things simply because you can. Beware of trends (I am NOT sold on this tiny house concept). Be proactive. Don't procrastinate but DO your homework. Don't rush into things that can't be undone. Be honest. Think clearly. Be prepared (personally and collectively). Educate and train yourselves. Don't give into pressure. Don't stall because you are afraid or confused or ill informed. Remember your good intentions for others. Forget your personal reward or legacy.
To understand as a community that the old paradigm of large manufacturers as the economic engine of this county is no longer a viable one. We must accept that we are part of a region and work with others to enhance the economic opportunities regionally.
Too many eggs in the basket of tourism/retirees part-time residents. Need more places to employ the young workers. Training at BRCC to become employees in SC is not a healthy situation.
Tourism is not what the county needs to bring jobs to the local people, even though I know it is an important part of the economy in Brevard and Pisgah Forest. 20 years ago local industry Dupont and Ecusta employed up to 3000 people. Since then families have moved out of the county and our school sizes have gotten smaller. Less working families means less tax dollars coming into the county.

Response Text
Tourists are important but residents are more important. The festivals are mostly oriented to tourists. We have so many wonderful events here; is there any way to make them more attractive to locals instead of everything trying to draw tourists?
TQM - Total Quality Management - Is a great method to objectively evaluate processes. It is an honest way to discourage ruling by personnel preference. Real transparency with service as the priority.
Traffic control
Transylvania County advertises itself as bike friendly, but where are amenities for bikers. Consider bike lanes, pull-offs on major roads, clear bike-routes throughout the county and in Brevard.
Transylvania County has a reputation for being anti-growth and anti-business. Deserved or not, it is a perception that must be addressed before you will see much growth in small business growth. You need only look at the treatment of Oscar Blues (signage); Bojangles (many unnecessary demands) just to name two recent examples.
Transylvania county has unique opportunity to maintain agricultural & outdoor heritage by coordinating development density to avoid sprawl. Put humans and quality of life first and plan from there!
Transylvania County is a great place to live. We are very blessed to call this our home. However, tourism should not trump natives and residents. It appears that our county is focused on bicycles and beer. What else can be offered to the citizens? Many families do not participate in these events. They need activities, too.
Transylvania County is a special place, environmentally, culturally, educationally, and for recreational opportunities. Let's work to keep it that way.
Transylvania County is a wonderful place to live. However, there are not enough good job opportunities to attract and keep enough of our young people. Hospitality and tourism is an important part of our local economy but does not pay the wages young families need to live and grow here. So INVESTING Transylvania County resources (money, time, personnel and a united focus) in economic development of small, green businesses should be one of the highest priorities.
Transylvania County is a wonderful place to live. The housing market doesn't fit the job market so it is often difficult for young families to work and afford to live here.
Transylvania county is behind other counties in this area as far as housing and places to shop and eat. They also need to bring county employees pay up to that of other organizations in neighboring counties.
Transylvania County is special in many ways. We need to work hard to keep it that way.
Transylvania County needs to be less worried about tourism and bicyclers and try to find and create new jobs. Brevard is not the only town in Transylvania County. While Brevard always has something being upgraded, Sapphire's roads are falling apart and it's dangerous.
Transylvania county should be for individuals who live here. I feel that we currently cater to the retired and tourists. This needs to be a living and working community that is affordable not only to live here, but to be able to enjoy everything around us.
Transylvania County works because of its natural beauty and clean resources. Much thought should be taken on how to develop light industries/ business without jeopardizing these
Transylvania is a beautiful area but the poverty level is frightening. We need to bring in business that will support the residents, preferably with jobs over minimum wage. The amount of assistance through charitable organizations is impressive, but charity cannot be the only answer.
Transylvania is appealing and became so without cookie-cutter regulations. Individuals made free decisions on what to do with their property and the respectful variety in those decisions have made Transylvania the diverse, unique place that appeals so much to all of us.
Transylvania must remain beautiful. Begin a volunteer road-side, creek clean-up program. "Adopt a road"; "Adopt a stream."
Trees along the sidewalks and multi-use paths for shade. Public transit to the airport. Park-n-ride at Walmart for people who work in Asheville.
Try to keep the locals as an integral part of the County rather than as a hillbilly exhibit for the new arrivals in gated communities.
Trying to recruit young families without the ability to care for them medically doesn't make sense. The loss of the birthing center and a single pediatric practice unwilling or unable to utilize the "community" hospital is a huge strike against the area.
Urge healthcare to stay local, we don't even have a birthing center now! Very very sad. Transylvania county is going to disappear if we don't get some good paying jobs that are not beer companies.
Use teamwork
Encourage continued embracing of cultural diversity (age, place of origin, background, ethnicity, income, religion, politics, etc.)
Value Nature and recreational industry

Response Text
<p>Very little progress in this county beyond the town of Brevard which is disappointing. I live on Nancy Mtn Road and it cannot even be traveled in the winter. I am not eligible for mail service since it is a gravel road. There are really nice homes out there which contribute to the tax base but are forgotten by the County Commissioners (unless they don't pay the outrageous tax bill, really I have 6 acres of land of which 0.25 acres is usable land because the rest goes straight down an unbuildable embankment) Also comporium gets a grant to put in fiber optic line county wide and it remains unused because the money is not there for the actual equipment. So the cable is in for the 21st century, but we have to wait until the 25th century for it to be utilized. Very distressed.</p>
<p>vocational training</p>
<p>Water conservation. Lots of ways to voluntarily conserve. Night lighting should have deflector shields. Even here, we are beginning to lose some of our night skies. More support for the arts, Little Theater for example. The county and town are already doing lots of good things, but always room for improvement. Thanks for making this survey available. I'm a "native," returning home after being away for approx. 55 years, so I see lots of things that I wouldn't see if I had lived here all the time.</p>
<p>Water resources, tourism, and pedestrian access go hand in hand. Develop them together.</p>
<p>We are all connected. Loss of young people affects schools and enrollment, poor medical care affects the older generation, too fast a pace of growth affects how the county services tourists, etc. I could go on. Careful planning is essential to maintain the unique position Brevard and environs hold.</p>
<p>We are concerned that Brevard may go the way of Highlands, i.e. become TOO high end and expensive. Its physical beauty (mountains, excellent weather and small town appeal) must be protected and safeguarded.</p>
<p>We are going to have to spend money to catch up from all the "saving" and "cutting" we have done for the past 15 years. We must recognize that we will never again have a DuPont or Ecusta and stop living in the past. The list of reasons why I should leave Transylvania county is much longer than why I should stay. I could make more money, have more publicly provided resources and recreation, and a significantly lower cost of living in many other places. I want to live in Transylvania county and that's where my family has been for many generations but financially it's not a good choice for a young family. I want my children to grow up here but won't be surprised if they are forced to leave when they get older. I have made sacrifices to live here because it's where I want to be, not because it makes sense.</p>
<p>We are mainly a tourist/ small business community. While we should play to those strengths we should also have some form of alternate economy maybe industry. Having an industrial option somewhere in the county would bring in jobs to those who have to settle for the basic "McDonalds" type job. It would also bring in new people adding to the growth of the county. If we do not have growth our county will stagnate.</p>
<p>We are pretty much set on what natural amenities we are blessed with. We need to attract potential businesses to help support the working age folks who live here.</p>
<p>WE CAN'T GO BACKWARDS. IT TAKES LEADERS WITH VISION AND COURAGE TO WORK FOR THE FUTURE AND MAKE IT WHAT IS BEST FOR TRANSYLVANIANS. OTHERWISE WE GET BIG BOX STORE, "SHOPPES", CRASS COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DAYTRIPPERS FROM ATLANTA</p>
<p>We definitely have to focus on communications. We need internet and cell service before anything can happen in terms of industry or growth. How can you grow without access to reliable internet or phone service?</p>
<p>We DO NOT NEED county zoning. Need to control the budget of county departments. Taxes could be cut if unnecessary jobs were eliminated. The Sheriff's Dept, Reg. of Deeds, Tax Office could be cut for starters. Too many people are sitting idle. Need more for young people to do. Getting new industries is a must for this county. We cannot survive on tourist and bicyclists.</p>
<p>We don't need more "fast food" with their low paying jobs. We need more high paying jobs. Let's not waste our time and resources on anything that's not paying a GOOD wage.</p>
<p>We have been in Transylvania County for 24 years, and it has been sad to watch the decline in industry and jobs for local people. Natives are leaving Transylvania Co. to find jobs. Schools suffer, hospitals suffer (retirees don't have babies!), the local culture suffers. Tourism is wonderful, but it's not the lifeblood of a community. Tourists come and go, but natives are our heritage, and that heritage is sadly slipping away. BTW, we bought a house in 1994 and, thanks to the Lord's blessings, were able to pay it off several years ago. However, I don't think we could afford to buy a house in Trans. Co. today.</p>
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to give input. It's a great place to live; let's keep it that way for heritage sake!</p>
<p>we have great people who serve us well</p>
<p>We have to raise up the poor people of this county with jobs that pay a living wage. We have to educate the children of this county. Everyone deserves a home to live in and food to eat.</p>

Response Text
We have too much emphasis on tourism and not enough emphasis on building a diversified economy where everyone has a good opportunity to build a quality life. Better jobs would help reduce poverty and keep more of our young people here. My children have moved away from the region to find good long term opportunities for themselves.
We live in a wonderful place and our government does not appear to represent the people that live here.
We love our county and want to see it continue being a safe and beautiful place for families to live. It is difficult for young families to make it in the local economy so we would love to see more jobs come that would help young families be able to stay and settle here.
We love the small town/neighborly feeling here and beautiful natural resources and surroundings. We support growth of our county services but not at the expense of the above assets.
We MUST have county sewer and water treatment in order to attract manufacturing business's here, Infrastructure is the key to our growth and keeping our young people here in good paying jobs..
We must value our young people. Without them our county will die. Older people like myself have value and should be able to lend a hand in our county but we need the young to grow. Don't forget them....PLEASE
We need lot of stuff to do. stop building banks and food places and give us something to do
We need a plan. That is what the planning dept. is for. Since all the shutdowns in 2002 no plan has been made. get rid of planning dept.
We need an affordable, family-style restaurant. We also need to maintain the services at Transylvania Regional Hospital. We also need transportation service for the disabled who live outside the city limits of Brevard.
We need an outdoor shooting range. We have spent a lot of money catering to hikers, bikers, etc. Several folks in this county would love a local public shooting range.
We need better paying jobs. The cost of living in Transylvania County is much higher than the rate of pay. If you are making minimum wage then you can't afford to purchase a house or pay rent. The average home price is over \$200,000 and the rent for a 2 bedroom home is over \$700. Need to get the pay in line with the cost of living.
We need county personnel who work for and promote industry and jobs. All the entrepreneurial sites, etc. no good. If we have interested investors, they'll build and develop sites. What we need is less headache, harassment, lower tax rates, free water and sewer connections, etc. to encourage people who have resources and a will to move here. If it takes incentives that result in a return then go for it. S.C. Must have the answer because they are expanding everyday with new construction and building.
We NEED county trash/recycling pick-up. We need a plan for county wide bike lanes, or at a minimum, construction of pull-outs and signs for bikers to use them on windy, narrow mountain roads such as Wilson Rd, 276 north and south, 215, 178, East Fork, etc. We need bike paths to navigate town (Broad St/64, Main St/276, Neely/Parkview, Probart, Old Hendersonville Hwy, Osborne, and access to all area schools) which can decrease car traffic and improve community interaction. Many of our playgrounds are outdated (Silversteen, and the one on the bike path near soccer fields). Franklin Park is the hottest, most unusable playground in town during the summer due to no shade over the play structure. Many towns now have splash-pad fountain play areas. Brevard could use something like this near downtown for cooling off in the summer, perhaps near Franklin Park playground or near the sports fields around the Transylvania Rec Center. Regular public transportation between Brevard and downtown Asheville would open up options for locals and tourists from both cities. Downtown businesses and the forest are the main draw for tourists and newcomers to town. These two features should be protected and prioritized.
We need fewer chain stores owned by corporations and more mom and pop independent businesses
We need improved cell phone coverage in the Balsam Grove area, as well as a new road to Balsam Grove addressed. We need affordable housing for middle income families. We need to make it easier for large businesses to come to the area to promote growth and bring jobs.
We NEED INDUSTRY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Not this Chicken Crap SERVICE JOBS!!!!!!!!!!!!
We need jobs here not only for us but our kids. Right now they are moving away so they can make a living. Just not right. I was born here and I do without so my kids can grow up here..I would like to see them raise their kids here. Need to think of the people who live here year around.
We need living wage jobs for our young families so our young people coming on can stay here and stop the decline in school enrollment so our education system can remain strong to train our young people for good jobs here, not in Asheville and Charlotte.
We need more businesses for those that live here year round and fit our budgets. We need more things for children to do outside the home without alcohol and smoking. We need to get bicycles off our curvy and dangerous roads. We need better roads.
We need more doctors, a return of the birthing center at the hospital and better internet service.

Response Text
We need more focus on attracting white color sector work. Increasing the tech infrastructure to attract teleworkers, financial sector jobs is a must. Heavy industry will not return to the county.
I would like to see more effort placed on boosting tourism - Ecusta trail and improved walking / bike path access is a high priority.
Local facilities - dog park, bike park etc. also boosts the community and attracts people to live and work here.
Indoor, year round farmers market. Support for local produce.
Put Transylvania on the map for trout?. Hendersonville has apples...we need to pick a product that we celebrate.
We need more higher paying jobs, not fast food restaurants!!!!
We need more input towards the decisions our Economic Developer and City Planner make. These two individuals are not equipped for their positions and should be removed, immediately! There have been too many negative outcomes since they have been in office.
We need more jobs for people so that they can grow themselves, and we need to make sure that we don't spend all of the money for the whole county just in Brevard, because there is more to county. Also if the bicyclist are going to use the roads then they should pay themselves for a bike lane, and not the people who wouldn't use it. And we need to be more welcoming to business that want to come here instead of making it really hard to open/run a business.
We need more jobs for this community. Less assistance so people will actually get a jobs
We need more things for families. Young people need things to do . Job would be nice
We need more vision in our City and County governments; We need to give incentives not stumbling blocks to people coming here to invest.. We need to be helpful to "outsiders" not arrogant.. Brevard does not live up to its potential but could if people in charge traveled and saw what could be... WE NEED HIGH SPEED INTERNET to make this place progress in the right direction..
We need resources and jobs for young people to stay here and raise their families. We need more homeless shelters with job training. We need to welcome tourists but not let them ruin our community (bikers, for example) by clogging up traffic. Brevard needs a good hospital. We would benefit from drug rehab facilities and need more resources to reduce the number of single parent homes. Also affordable dental care is needed.
We need sensible, not hysterical, discussion of how to expand our economic base in an environment-friendly manner. We need mid-income jobs as well as the "more desirable" high-income jobs. We should be able to attract many individual, free-lance, contractor, entrepreneurial type people who can choose where to locate their business...but do we have sufficient affordable housing to attract these folks? I work from home, but I inherited my house...I could not have afforded to buy a house here. Our beautiful environment, so close to additional attractions/services of Asheville, should be a successful selling point...that's why Dale brought Oskar Blues to Brevard! We need to stop spending taxpayer dollars on "planning committees" and appoint "DOING commissions!"
We need sidewalks and bike ways for the health and safety of our people and environment. It would be wonderful to think that it would also relieve some of the road congestion. A bicycle storage station so that we can park in town and then bike around for errands or other activities.
We need significant jobs to promote quality families. Poverty breeds crime and desperation. Our public schools need support. They provide a lot more than just a quality education. They provide structure, safety, food, water etc. to a growing number of kids who don't get that at home. We need to support our natives and locals. Without them our beautiful county would fall. We need something to sustain us outside of tourist season. May God guide us.
We need the make this town affordable for young families. There are limited professional jobs in our county to make a decent living. If you take out working for the county/state government, your choices in employment go to retail or some form of hospitality--and not at a professional level.
We need to be more welcoming and tolerant in order to promote ethnic and social diversity. We need to maintain our regional hospital services.
We need to be self-sufficient in our water needs. We also need to reclaim the unique small town feel when families and retirees were in equal numbers. Our young people need opportunity to improve their lives. We're losing our children and that's always the first sign of demise. The ones who are left will slide into an unhealthy lifestyle, which will result in increased crime, and a strain on the system.
We need to collect the more for our tax base from our visitors & those with second homes here. Our residents need economic opportunities and can't shoulder the tax needs to build bike paths etc. for the enjoyment of others
We need to come together in one accord and not try to pull different directions to make Transylvania a better place to live.

Response Text
We need to concentrate on job creation, of any kind. If we are going to improve tourism we need to have the businesses to back it up. This includes retail, eating establishments (affordable), water and sewer, and beatification (not just downtown). We need to quit studying everything and get on with it. We need to relax the development rules so people can actually afford to bring in new business. For some reason this county seems to need an enormous fund balance, we cannot make money without spending money. We do not need to raise taxes, they are high enough now. Good luck.
We need to consider how to get a better water facility for Brevard so that the whole county can continue to grow
We need to consider some type of zoning for industry on a small scale in order to attract businesses here
We need to do better about recruiting younger people. They are the future leadership of our county. More jobs and better wages.
We need to elect county commissioners with some vision and be open to change.
We need to face the fact that no large industry will come here and concentrate on improving opportunities for smaller businesses. Young people move here because of our outdoor recreation amenities and these should be enhanced. Let's become the outdoor mecca of the east coast.
We need to focus more on improvements for local citizens, especially the upper end of the county. It's a shame that the kids in Rosman have very little recreation provided. Sounds like the pool is in shambles.
Law enforcement needs to be more involved for the upper end of the county. We rarely see deputies on duty anywhere around here and a call for them to come out can take quite a while.
We need to focus on the future, meaning to bring back jobs with benefits and retirement. All that is left is small jobs to make it paycheck to paycheck. Accept big businesses coming in like breweries and stop shutting down great opportunities for the community. Lowes struggled to get in to the county and now Henderson county is taking all the new growing businesses since Transylvania won't.
We need to increase proactive thinking. Establish goals with MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES.
We need to increase tourism in Brevard which will help improve property values. Downtown seems very stagnant. We need more retail, more hotels, more fine dining. We should draw people like Asheville does and we do not. Business owners need to improve and increase retail shopping hours. We absolutely need more diversified and upscale cultural events. We are all waiting for Brevard to be taken to the next level and we keep waiting and waiting...
We need to invest more into our children! There is a huge drug and alcohol problem with our teenagers and I feel that if there were things for them to do, this would decrease. They are resulting to partying because of lack of opportunities. Growing up in TC, we had the skate park, a teen center, skating rink, bowling alley, mini-golf, and many other things to do. Now there is nothing! We need to start acknowledging this growing issue and attack it head on! The leaders of this community refuse to see it because it will have an impact on travel/tourism, and the Safe Schools Act. This has to be addressed and we need the children of this community to feel like they belong! These children are the future leaders and we must invest in them now!
We need to make this county have jobs that will entice our younger generation to live here rather than having to leave to find decent paying jobs.
We need to preserve clean air and water, which are treasures, but we need to significantly improve business development (jobs) and we need to make county more pedestrian friendly. There are too many dangerous walking areas. It is a serious problem.
We need to provide quality childcare, put more into our education system; more activities that are affordable through the rec department fit our younger children. Yes I understand we have many activities but they aren't affordable. \$75 for one child for soccer, \$120 for youth football for one child, \$275 for one cheerleader for youth. We need a YMCA type facility that offers exercising activities, pool, after school care, etc.
We need to remember that our children need good schools and a place to work if they want to remain in the County. We are an aging population, so care facilities are needed. Remember our locals before our visitors.
We should be growing not taking away hospital services/schools!
We should have a guideline for industries interested in our county, as to what will be allowed in the county (i.e. garbage incinerators-no, small unpolluting industries, yes). Not straight zoning, just an upfront, general policy statement to inquiring parties as to what our county feels is an appropriate, positive addition to our community.
We should not waste money on things like a rotary on Broad St. in front of the college. There is not a big problem there now but a rotary will slow down traffic and cause accidents.
We want to keep what is so good about Transylvania county but we can't be afraid of change.
We would like to see a continuation of the preservation of the county's beautiful landscapes, without sacrificing essential needs like cell towers, cable internet, small business development, and agricultural communities.

Response Text
Weed out the corruption in the school system that rewards children of teachers and politically connected people while punishing non-politically connected children in academics, sports, and scholarships. Fire the emotionally, physically, and sexually abusive teachers and the administrators that protect them.
Fire the police officers that are dealing drugs or using their jobs to bully, harass, or self-promote instead of enforcing the law consistently, professionally, and evenly.
Remove impediments to starting new small business like the impact fee and sign fees and restrictions. Offer incentives to attract manufacturing back to our county.
Stop the lunacy of trying to act like people from other places by putting stop lights everywhere. Stop all plans for a roundabout intersection. This isn't England.
Open the county gun range to the public.
Fine slow drivers for not moving over to let busy people pass.
Stop thinking that tourism and retirees are the future of this county. We need manufacturing to bring wealth and opportunity to our residents.
Cut city, county, and school system salaries and do not give them raises until our economy improves.
Never raise another tax again!
Send the DMV employees to Hendersonville to learn how to do their jobs.
Get the NC State Troopers to reassign or fire the new trooper who is being rude and unprofessional. Fire the Chief of Police. Stop all license checks.
Weekly blast email "This Week in Brevard & TC" identifying activities to residents and prior/potential visitors who have signed up.
We've already become a mecca for outdoor recreation (cycling, hiking, etc.). Develop the infrastructure needed to support that (hotels, campgrounds, and restaurants) along with additional activities (gravity trail) for those less hard-core. Have a plan to incorporate some of the fun elements of cities [such as Gatlinburg] like the old time photo shops in downtown Brevard. Perhaps a complex with go-carts, putt-putt, and laser tag in a nearby area like Ecusta Road. These would attract tourists as well as local residents. We also need to bring back some type of living wage employment. In my opinion, service jobs are mainly for high school and college kids; not for people trying to support a family.
When I ask people why they come here they say it is because of the friendliness of the residents.
When one does a search of AirBnB.com it lists 354 rentals available in the area. There are tourists who are renting rooms in peoples' homes, or the entire home, instead of staying in a hotel or a licensed BnB. If there are hotels with empty rooms, then the county is losing tax revenue on these AirBnB rentals. Plus, these people are essentially running unlicensed businesses in neighborhoods that are not zoned for commercial use.
While I know that more businesses and housing brings in more money for the county, I have seen firsthand how it can drive the original residents out because they can no longer afford to live in the town. All of a sudden you have multi-million dollar homes where once two or three modest homes once stood. Sad to say the least.
While I understand the need to make sure tourism is alive and well in Transylvania County, I believe local residents should also be considered. The small town atmosphere appeals to people and if that goes away, so does the appeal. Too many restaurants, stores, etc. that can be found anywhere would be a deterrent for us.
While the focus on tourism can bring in revenue, as a county we have a responsibility to the residents to support business/manufacturers that can provide jobs in the area. These jobs should pay a wage that can support a family and sadly most tourism and retail positions cannot do that in the long run. My husband and I both work in Henderson County because of the limited options here and our children go to Henderson County schools as a result.
Why all of the police? They are everywhere, writing tickets for the smallest speeding infractions...

Response Text
Why do we spend 26% of the county budget on something that less than 16% of the population uses? Sounds ridiculous but that's exactly what we do with our schools. A small rural community should not be expected to be able to offer everything a big city school system does. If people want all the enhancements of a big city school, they should move to a big city. Why does a small rural community rank #7 in NC in dollars spent per student? That's absurd. School budgets must be drastically reduced.
Quality of life in Transylvania County has gone downhill in the last 10 years. It supports tourism at the expense of residents. We don't even adequately tax tourists (where is our hotel tourism tax?) or make them pay for what they take from residents.
Bicycle races don't bring in as much revenue as people believe. Last year, the day before a race with 1000 participants, the Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express were not even full! The "survey" BC did a few years ago to find out how much bicyclists spend when they come here for a race, was a farce. It was obviously designed by the bicycle lobby to "prove" that participants spend a lot, rather than being designed to find out what they really spend. Further, the bicycle racers I know all say that race participants do it "on the cheap". They camp or sleep in their pick-ups!
If you don't recognize the bicycle problem we have on a daily basis, you probably live in the city limits. From Memorial Day to the end of color season, it's virtually impossible to drive from Crab Creek to Brevard without at least 1 bicycle jam.
With the 10 year US outlook for the econ. Growth as not good, we should increase effect. Of what we have to generate more rev. for the count.. We the people and families have to cut back, no reason why the GOV, cannot. GOV priority all wrong. this year money for landscaping but to improve EMS
Within the next 10 years I see more of this country continuing down the trend that it already is on. So by 2025 Transylvania county will still be a large tourism destination, have a large retirement community, and may even become a "college town" with the growth of Brevard College. On top of that the surrounding area is becoming popular among smaller breweries so it should be important to us that we keep our water clean because this is what had attracted the breweries in the first place.
Without young people in our county, it, just like the elder population that we have been focusing on, will die. We must do all we can to attract new jobs/businesses to our county that allow/attract families to be able to afford to live here. We must also protect our natural resources as it contributes a large part of the county's income. I'd like to see the old Ecusta property transformed into a top notch recreation facility. People would pay big bucks to host baseball/softball/basketball/volleyball tournaments in this area due to rivers and other recreational opportunities. A campground, dog park, etc. adjacent to this area would pay for itself in no time. Check out Tiger River complex in SC near Spartanburg. The county added \$1.00 charge to all fast food orders and used this money to pay for facilities. Tournaments can bring in upwards of \$20,000 per weekend just at the facility, not including residual monies.
Work hard to develop infrastructure to bring in business. Continue to strive exceptional education- K~12- and beyond- job training. Look diligently at new businesses, avoid bickering and nit-picking, be inviting and award incentives. Combine Rosman and Brevard High School, realizing that transportation is an issue, but support smaller buses to outlying areas.
Work hard, don't complain, farm your heart out and hunt hard.
Work harder on making the air quality better.
Work to keep the small town look/charm to Brevard. Don't allow the Asheville Highway corridor to resemble every other junked filled corridor with the same chain everything in the same ugly buildings that are all over America.
Work to make this county more affordable for families, especially those with children, since they are the future of the county. Focus on education, preserving the natural and agricultural resources, and encourage small businesses/economic growth.
Work together with existing business to expand and attract "brand-specific" businesses that embrace our natural resources. If we have learned nothing else from the recession and the loss of large parochial manufacturing, we should now know that it is better to be dependent on 1,000 small businesses employing 25 persons than two large businesses that employ 12,500 persons.
Work together. Bring people in from all incomes, social economic groups, ages, and races.
Work with Henderson City on Ecusta Rail to Trail project
Would like to have a community that is family friendly. Churches have been the backbone of the communities since founding; I think they should continue to be.
Would like to see a well maintained dog park with areas for small and large dogs, a pond, plenty of trees and sitting areas
Would like to see government entities work more in conjunction with one another, rather than trying to protect the interests of one small group of citizens.
Would love better internet service!
year round indoor rec center with good lap swimming pool
YMCA!

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You all are doing great! I think of Brevard as a role model!
You get what you pay for when it comes to improving the quality of life for EVERYONE.
You might consider reviewing property values on a yearly basis (if sold or title is transferred) and capping the increase in property tax on an annual basis vs. once every 6 or 7 years. For instance, if the value of a home decreases (by virtue of "comps") in a given year, the property tax would remain stable and the same, however, if by comps, it doubled in value that annual tax would increase no more than "X%" for that property that continues to be owned by the same individual. If, however, the property ownership changed, the new/beginning tax for that property would be as a comp. to its current value. In other words, there should be a ceiling as to what a property owner would be expected to pay for real estate tax each and every year, not an abrupt, un-prepared for increase, every 6 or 7 years.
You need better paying jobs and affordable housing to live here
You need to focus your attention more on the people that live here than the people that visit here.
You NEVER asked if I would like HIGHER taxes. Why? You should include information as to how all this glorious planning will impact taxes.
SHAME ON YOU!!
You won't do any of what anyone suggests anyway - so this was a fun summer distraction
Young families will grow the community. If we stay for just old folks there is no growth in our future
You're doing a good job - Keep it up. Transylvania county is the best place in the USA to live. We have a clean environment, dedicated leaders in both Brevard and the county, excellent Fire and Police coverage and great medical services including the Hospital. We are happy here and plan on living our lives out in Transylvania county.
Youth needs activities to keep them active and able to have a safe place to socialize and gather to keep them from looking for trouble/drugs/sex etc as entertainment
Zoning needs to be done to promote industry, After the bio-fuels p.r. disaster no positive steps have been taken. The County commission is too conservative, not being proactive to position the County favorably to thrive in the next decade.