

**Stamping Ground Listening and Design Session
Stamping Ground Elementary School
Thursday, August 20, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

What is the one thing you think of that you value the most, or that makes Stamping Ground unique?

- **Name**
- **History**
- **Size – Small town atmosphere**
- **Unity**
- **Wildlife**
- **Have one of everything you need and no stoplight**
- **An elementary school in the community**
- **Churches**
- **Park**
- **Rural**
- **People**
- **Post Office**
- **Drugstore and other stores in the city**
- **Police and Fire Departments**
- **Bank**
- **Balanced small town economy – service, industry, hardware, and productive farms**

- **Location – close to interstates and larger cities**
- **Able to make our own decisions because of the size of the community – the people are involved**
- **The community aspect goes beyond the city limits – a part of the greater community**
- **Medical – Nurse Practitioner**
- **A safe place to raise children**

What are the strengths of this city?

- **Growth potential**
- **Safety**
- **Location**
- **Churches**
- **Family connections**
- **Hometown atmosphere**
- **Local businesses**
- **Good infrastructure**
- **Friendly police**
- **Resilience**
- **People willing to help each other**
- **The Name**
- **Relationship with the county**
- **Uniqueness**
- **Small town**
- **Beauty**

- **Volunteer fire department**
- **Drug store**
- **Bourbon history**
- **Family ties**
- **Greenspace**
- **Low crime**
- **Good leaders**
- **Springs that are still running**
- **Citizen involvement**
- **Business involvement in the community**
- **Deep roots in Stamping Ground – Generations**
- **EMS service**
- **Masonic Lodge**
- **Local cemetery**

Weaknesses – what should we work on?

- **Roads**
- **Developments need to be finished**
- **Internet access**
- **Car wash – need one**
- **Youth activities**
- **More family sized rental property**
- **Stamping Ground ambulance needs to stay in Stamping Ground**
- **Need hardware store**

- Enhance the park with summer concerts, events
- A lot of the problems are hard to solve
- A community benevolence outreach
- Negative perception of location
- No signage on the roads for the city
- Not enough activities for children
- Need more small businesses in general
- Streetscape – lights, benches, flower pots, cobblestone
- Wellness center
- Community center
- Main Street needs a makeover
- Hesitance for change
- Abandoned buildings
- Interstate sign – None
- Internet service not in county
- Farmer interaction
- Senior citizen activity
- Not enough fire hydrants
- Need an annual community event
- Businesses need to support the community
- Lack of jobs
- Water Tower and funeral home – abandoned properties
- More on duty police

- **Museum – local history**
- **Lack of full time staff at fire department**
- **Signage for community activities - marquee**

Opportunities – what is possible?

- **Farmers market**
- **Something for youth**
- **Room for growth**
- **Jesse James festival**
- **Streetscape**
- **Community center or indoor recreation for kids**
- **Sports complex**
- **Craft brewery**
- **Directory of all local businesses**
- **Community choir for children**
- **Senior citizen center**
- **Kentucky Proud products grown here**
- **Potential for more businesses**
- **Promotional program for all of the positive things in the community**
- **Local computer center for those without internet access**
- **Tourism built around history**
- **Developed subdivisions**
- **Better upkeep of the school grounds**

- **Additional multi-family housing**
- **Signage to recognize the community**
- **Small industrial park**
- **Child care**
- **Library**
- **Walking trail**
- **Ball field**

Threats –what will keep us from success?

- **Natural disaster**
- **Lack of 24 hour police or fire**
- **Drugs**
- **Loss of school**
- **Lack of 24 hour ambulance**
- **Poor leadership and lack of planning**
- **Price of gas – keeps people from coming here**
- **Community of people that only care about themselves**
- **Nothing planned for the future of the children**
- **Building closures**
- **Lack of finances and resources**
- **Fear of taxes**
- **People moving away**
- **With growth = more crime**
- **Lack of support**

- **Lack of volunteers/support for businesses**
- **Keep expectations in check**
- **Not enough space to grown**
- **Unable to get people move here**
- **Attracting the wrong folks**
- **Excessive regulations on ag and hunting**
- **Change in county government could affect the support level of this community**

Design Session

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- **Use property funeral home into a community center with library, gathering area, activity center, internet access**
- **Village Green at funeral home property**

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- **Day Trip Destination - Take what is not the downtown and reconstruct it as an area that will attract tourists – Look at Midway, Paducah – arts community**
- **Connect everything in town to a greenway**

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- Thrift/consignment in by the barbershop

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- Sidewalks/street lamps

Table #10

- Bed and Breakfast – Jesse James home or funeral home

Table #9

- Kiosk/information booth

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- Get with owners of 2 undeveloped subdivisions = about \$19,000 in property taxes per year

Table #2

- Funeral home – community center, senior center, village green
- Old fire station as a museum

Table #1

- Walking trail around town for kids – organized athletics, challenge park

Table #4

- **Assisted living facility at the funeral home location**

Table #5

- **Further promotion of small industrial park**

Table #2

- **Public parking area – where the development area is located**

Table #3

- **Farmers market by the water tower**

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- **Municipal golf course**