

Taylorsville Listening and Design Session
UK Cooperative Extension Service Office
March 31, 2016
6:30 p.m.

What is the one thing that makes Taylorsville unique?

- The Tea Cup
- Taylorsville Lake
- The flood wall
- Lot of Civil War history – needs to be developed
- Family atmosphere
- All schools are in the city limits
- Downtown
- Proximity to larger city
- Accessibility of elected officials
- Gourd Festival
- Access to interstate
- Beautiful architecture
- Police department is top-notch
- Outsiders are warmly received
- Involvement of local churches
- Champion FFA and 4-H chapters
- Stay and play at the golf course
- Very strong Main Street program
- Strong growth recently within the county

What do you value most about Taylorsville? (Community Strengths)

- Friendliness of the people
- Small town charm
- Recreational activities
- Country atmosphere
- Not much traffic
- Low crime rate

- Elite schools
- Main Street renovations
- Proximity to the lake
- Natural beauty
- Library
- Community events
- UK Extension facility
- Beshear's Creek to kayak
- Golf course
- Potential of the whole area
- It's home
- Wildlife
- Closeness to Louisville – Big city and then back to the country
- Rolling hills

What are some of things that the city needs to improve upon? (Community Weaknesses)

- Roadside trash
- Fill empty buildings
- Pot holes
- Downtown development
- Speak with one voice
- Need a specific attraction to draw people in
- More tourism information/communication
- Animal shelter that will take cats – animal control
- Things to do with a family
- More sidewalks
- Community greenspace
- Riverside development
- Need to tap into lake as a natural resource
- More activities for young people
- More places to spend money
- Better waterways maintenance
- More economic opportunities locally
- Restart economic development efforts

- Workforce development
- Scenic corridor from Nelson through Taylor
- Career and technical center
- 4 lane road to Louisville
- Need to get more interest from outlying areas of the county
- More shoulders on the road
- Develop the current Farmers Market into a statewide farmers market program
- Recycling glass at the recycling center

What are the opportunities to make Taylorsville better? (Community Opportunities)

- Main Street
- Shop local
- Show up for these kinds of events/meetings
- Get local companies/businesses to volunteer to clean up trash/roads
- Economic development
- Support the farmers market
- Expand the county fair
- More opportunities for businesses to work together – coupons at golf course or other event venues
- Opportunity to tie into the Parklands with horse or bike trails
- Take advantage of the Kentucky Career Center- every Wednesday at the library
- Partner with YMCA to have an aquatic center
- More information about mentoring for at-risk youth
- Improve infrastructure in the city and county
- Vocational education
- Local government recognizing and addressing local needs
- Swimming area at state park – sand or beach – separate area for boats and kayaks
- Need to sit down with state officials to implement plans that have already been created – such as Disc golf course

- Have property owners clean up their properties – code enforcement
- Lodging and campgrounds – facilities
- Inflatable platforms – water park at the lake
- Better collaboration between county and city officials
- Levee trail
- Community Garden
- Need a walk over from the high school to the other side of the highway

What are some of the things that threaten the future prosperity of Taylorsville?

- Drug abuse
- Businesses closing
- Lack of economic growth
- Children not wanting to stay here
- Glut of subsidized housing – rental properties
- Lack of a community center
- Lack of infrastructure
- Visionary leadership
- Constant struggle between those who want growth and those who want to remain rural – find balance
- Surrounding cities – competition
- Lack of interest in what is going on
- Lack of vision or common plan
- Lack of follow through to implement plans
- Money
- Politics
- Lack of jobs
- Lack of workforce – not a Work-Ready community
- Lack of tourism
- Lack of retail stores

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Table # 1

- When elementary closes – use the facility as a downtown park, community center, something for youth. Something like the splash park in the park lands
- Concerned about the children leaving high school going to restaurants across the street, need a cross over.
- Trail around the levee

Table 2

- More single family housing, less rental. Need to draw people to live here
- More sidewalks so people can walk into town
- Keep Main Street lively – Farmer's market year round. Take area where country market is located and develop more
- Draw tourists to the community – we have potential

Table 5

- Walking trail around town
- Identity for the golf course, from the highway, and elsewhere – get more activity around the lake and golf course.
- More Commerce, food, trails, tourism, B and B's, focused on the downtown

Table 4

- Utilizing entry ways into the city with
- Traffic flow, seek commerce, a visitor center up 44, closer to the lake to bring traffic through town.
- Promote local businesses, public arts and crafts, designated within the inner city.
- Internet Hotspots in town

Table 7

- Old southern states building is available for reuse. Suggest arts or farmers market.
- Main Street is in good shape, needs a little more work
- Riding trails along the railroad tracks, connect into Parklands and into Bardstown Road.

Table 6

- Levee path
- Connect the path to the existing ball park
- Natural beauty of Salt River, open a canoe livery.
- Also at Taylor school property, turn into community green space, and tie into the lawn that Main Street has developed
- Develop finer restaurants
- Keep up the old bridge to walk cross the river or use it elsewhere in the city and tie local history to it
- Sidewalks needed
- Expand city square area

Table 9

- Trail system around high school and park and connect to the center – around town on the levee
- Community center, aquatics, connected by trails
- National chain and quality grocery store around current country mart

Table 8

- Walking, sidewalks, hiking, levee trail,
- Glendale Whistle Stop is a goal for Taylorsville
- Capitalize on the Gourd Show
- Pavilion in town or school area, for Farmers market and other events
- Road out the Lake – developing small businesses, food, and the like
- Advertise what is going on in town already, perhaps a booth at other events and in magazines

Table 12

- Improve infrastructure, egress, ingress, sewers, natural gas services
- Expand tax base, need a business park
- Downtown needs a theme, *life within the levee?*
- Expand hiking, biking and horse trails

Table 13

- Local radio station
- Artist and art center downtown
- Accessible broadband, county-wide and cell service that works
- Fun things – Splash Park, para-sailing, fun!

Could high school work on the radio station idea?

Historic preservation – old log cabin in town was a top spy in the Civil War. Recently got it on the Historic Register. Working with the community to find funds to rehab the house and offer a museum for the public. Cabin is adjacent to the levee...

What should be done immediately that has most impact?

- Walking trail around the levee
- Clean up the trash
- Write a check for the rehab on cabin

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