

JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Pickens County and Cities of Jasper, Nelson and Talking Rock 2008 - 2030

Questionnaire Results

1) Pickens County is growing at a rate that is too fast.					
80	41	13	34	269	
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
2) Pickens County has unique characteristics that should be preserved.					
103	88	14	141	113	
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
3) The City of Jasper has unique characteristics that should be preserved.					
73	139	136	10	55	
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
4) The City of Nelson has unique characteristics that should be preserved.					
25	40	365	15	7	
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
5) The City of Talking Rock has unique characteristics that should be preserved.					
92	127	232	8	1	
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
6) The majority of future commercial development should be concentrated along SR 515 and SR 53 in and around the City of Jasper in order to leave other parts of the county rural.					
230	134	5	20	68	
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
7) Commercial development should be allowed along the entire length of SR 515 from the Cherokee County line to the Gilmer County line.					
303	51	12	41	54	
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
8) Development along SR 515 has been satisfactory in regards to traffic control, signs and billboards, tree preservation (or re-planting) and landscaping.					
155	198	10	60	37	
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
9) Commercial development is appropriate at other highway crossroads in the county.					
300	63	18	54	24	
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	

10) Rural and agricultural areas in the county are appropriate locations for large-scale residential development.

231	98	10	55	68
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

11) If large scale residential developments are proposed in rural and agricultural areas, they should be required to preserve some of the land as greenbelts, wildlife corridors, or open space rather than platting all of the land in residential lots.

175	110	62	115	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

12) In order to keep up with recreation needs in the county, large scale residential developments should be required to provide recreational areas that can support the new community.

80	80	41	84	174
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

13) Sprawl development is a problem in the county.

120	58	249	27	1
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

14) Mixed use developments where people can live, work, shop and play in the same community is a concept that should be explored in Pickens County.

201	180	16	49	13
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

15) Public water services should eventually be extended to all parts of the county.

172	249	10	23	6
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

16) Public sanitary sewer service needs to be expanded.

85	317	21	27	8
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

17) Public sanitary sewer service should be provided in the unincorporated areas of the county.

132	138	32	145	13
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

18) The expansion of public water and sewer should be done in an orderly, phased fashion consistent with the land use plan.

103	177	9	175	1
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

19) Since water resources and their efficient management are essential for future growth, should an independent, non-political authority be

established to govern the water resources contained within Pickens County?

121	62	138	127	12
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

20) New industrial developments should be located in the county to provide higher wage job opportunities.

198	187	12	45	16
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

21) The county and cities should aggressively recruit new industry that is compatible with local resources and consider offering incentives to attract industry.

199	182	13	47	20
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

22) More should be done to develop and promote tourism in the county.

222	185	22	19	11
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

23) Our downtown areas are in need of improvements.

Jasper:

99	78	134	144	4
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Nelson:

5	31	380	21	4
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

Talking Rock:

12	43	248	136	3
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

24) More effort should be made to preserve trees and greenways during the development process.

126	218	113	3	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

25) Steep slopes and high ridge areas require special regulations so that scenic views can be preserved.

115	50	155	138	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

26) Local land development regulations should be improved to protect important water resources like Long Swamp Creek, Talking Rock Creek and Cove Creek.

125	78	8	138	110
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

27) More land should be set aside for nature parks and environmental preserves.

109	90	10	141	110
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

28) More effort should be made to preserve historic characteristics in the cities and county.

87	85	108	174	0
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

29) Public transportation services (MATS buses) should be expanded in the county to provide an alternative way for all citizens to get to work, shop, or meet other needs.

71	204	139	34	10
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

30) There needs to be more sidewalks and bicycle routes to connect neighborhoods to shopping areas, parks and schools.

80	197	148	29	5
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

31) All new developments should be required to install sidewalks, especially in the cities and surrounding neighborhoods.

106	202	19	131	1
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

32) Traffic congestion can be solved solely by more new roads or other major road improvements.

56	50	86	187	78
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

33) Special programs or incentives should be considered to provide more housing that is affordable to local residents.

39	117	24	260	18
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

34) The special housing needs of persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence or with mental and physical disorders are being adequately provided.

6	105	292	45	9
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

35) There are older homes and neighborhoods that should be revitalized in the county and cities.

83	277	29	68	3
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

36) Intergovernmental coordination is being handled in Pickens County in a way that is in the best interest of its citizens.

22	19	39	160	219
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

37) Services might be provided more efficiently if the county and cities cooperated more closely with each other as well as adjoining counties.

80	218	118	6	37
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree

38) The county and cities should consider all alternative finance mechanisms (Impact Fees, special improvement districts, SPLOST, etc.) for financing water, sewer, recreation, roads, and other needed improvements

146	148	155	6	3
Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree