



**Williamstown Listening/Design Session
Williamstown High School
Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

(NOTE: These are raw comments/notes from the listening and design session.)

VALUES:

Own utilities

Excellent school system – good connection with NKU

Challenges infrastructure and upkeep

Vitality of downtown - travel for entertainment

Schools, small town feel, safety, quality of life

Adventure tourism prospects are great

Strengths location

Challenges of managing growth

Dispersed community – no center like before

Not invited in unless lived here long time – miss when there were a lot of businesses in city

Friendliness – history – homes on Main Street – utilization of downtown buildings

Expansion of Williamstown Lake positive

Location as part of the golden triangle

Challenges to ID affordable housing – lot of renters, need more homeowners

Opportunities to promote physical fitness – walking paths – pet friendly

Location is great asset

Influence the attraction of businesses downtown – consider promoting artisans – very happy with small town feel – maintain that – keep traffic manageable – parks are improving but we'll need more

Need things for people to do after 7pm

Attractiveness of city and county and quality of life – lack of congestion – challenges of employment opportunities

History – family values – health services – hospital health dept – numerous Drs and specialists
Challenge is achieving the growth then managing it
How does that pan out?

Strength – residents can impact change – residents have a say
Resources for expansion are numerous –

Design Session Results (by table workgroup)

Table #15

1Downtown – art local crafts revitalization small businesses

Need multifamily housing

Retirees

Wildlife

Active living

Plenty of activities for young people – F

4 keep encouraging lake expansion – water and recreation

Small businesses tourism related but need basics as well at edge of town

Development and new housing

Public market for fresh food and flowers –

Lake expansion is #1

Beach on lake needed

Revamping Main Street – business growth

New connector from southern to industrial

Connector road between Baton Ridge and Barnes

Regional airport

New housing all over

Senior housing project

Over pass from Barnes to Dixie eliminate RR crossing

Need grocery

That was Table #16

Table #25

Preserving downtown – commercial development close to development

Pull down to wtown exit

Commercial close to Ark to keep people in town

Barnes road to istate more for local people

Expand bike and walking trails – Miller Park, lake

Access road from Barnes to 154
Need condos somewhere

Table #24

priorities of preservation of area – healthy safe
Balance economics with what we want – teen center –
Expand nature attributes – bike trail all around lake – marathon here from all over
3 main parks- lake – Miller Park expand – near Ark
Education improvement

Table #18

Developing walking paths – linking to residential areas – lapine ave and Lakeview and summit
ave link to Miller Park –
Developing multi use buildings – 2-3 stories with commercial and residential or offices or bed
and breakfast
Make our gateway areas more attractive – at all key intersections –
Removing old signs for businesses that are out of operation

Table #13

City gateway beautification – better signage at all entrances – 36/22/present location – 36 at
railroad
Downtown beautification/revitalization – flowers/flowering trees – hanging baskets – lure from
Ark into town /154
Downtown crafts produce small business
Barnes road development is best of lodging and restaurants –
Walking trails parks and ball fields – need trail to connect Williamstown and Dry Ridge – Helton
road arnie risin blvd – safety issue along 25 – sidewalks or trail – between railroad and road –
who owns ROW?
Lake wtown expansion – brings homes and water
Connector road from Barnes to KY 36 – 154 will be the congestion area – get people around the
congestion of the Ark
Beautification of 154 – knobs create canyon feel – getting off istate – remove the rest – make
that interchange more attractive

Table #8

#1 walking trails – sidewalks connected - 3 mile path
2 new development downtown – like Madison, Indiana –
Horseback riding Ark or lake area – outdoor activity – aquatic center
Camping sites
Findlay market as idea for local market
More festival activities – partner with FFLAG
More downtown activities on a regular annual basis
Electric signs – at major intersections
Wildlife resources preserved

Table #10

Priorities – downtown – local crafts – bed and break –
Commercial development at 154 and 156
Frisch's and Kroger's
More housing for families and retirees
Signage at all entrances
Proudest communities have nicest signs
Signs note good things in community
Barnes Road and 36 connector
Connector from Helton

Table #11

Walking trails
New parks
Sporting complex – ball parks for tournaments
Beautification is important
Fine balance between providing improving and paying
Lot of thought on how to attract and retain residents
Creating more jobs – focusing on health care – Barnes Road medical area
High tech jobs – digital business – hope local entrepreneurial community can create business
opptys
Support tech companies – younger folks –
Controlled growth – balance – strategic plan for green areas, development
Road from Falmouth to Owenton via Williamstown

Table #20

Commercial development around bridge area – residential development could go commercial
Revitalization of downtown – new different look
New farmers market on east side of town – Findlay market
Empty facilities in downtown – more arts and crafts – cultural arts center –
Educational facilities need to build upon – expand NKU facility
Parks and recreation – expand paddlefest on lake –
Zip lines in Miller Park
Canoe and fishing on all waterways
Revitalization of downtown accommodating to everyone
Need trails and walkways

Table #19

1. Keep livability – small community feeling without being lost to tourism
2. Signage
3. Revitalization of downtown –
4. Odor elimination of landfill
5. Congestion issues around 154/156

6. Controlled commercial development – and appearances of uses – signage control – uniform not tacky
7. Hiking
8. Lake
9. Mix of affordable housing and all types
10. Public art scattered around