

Task Force Questionnaire

The Way It Is	The Way It Will Probably Be in the Future	The Way I Think It Should Be
(Reality as I See It)	(My Predictions)	(My Dreams)

Personal Safety and Crime

1. How big a problem is crime in our town? Is crime increasing, decreasing or staying about the same?
2. Which crimes are the biggest problems?
3. Who is affected most by crimes? How has the crime issue changed the way people live?
4. What seems to be causing most of the crime in our town?
5. Do people feel safe in our town? Who feels most secure and who feels unsafe? WHY?
6. What is our town government doing now to help prevent crimes?
7. Which agencies in our town government are involved with safety and crime issues? What are they doing now?
8. If I wanted to change things, who could I talk to and what could I do?

Population and Size of Our Town

1. Is our town's population bigger or smaller than it was 10 years ago? How much larger or smaller is it?
2. Who are the newcomers or the people moving away? What are their ages, ethnicity, skills, needs, hopes and dreams?
3. What has been the main reason for the change in population? (a change in the businesses in town, quality of life in our town, the cost of living in our town, a change outside our town that pulled people away or brought people here, etc.)
4. What has been good about the change in our town's population?
5. What problems have resulted from the change?
6. Have the boundaries of our town expanded?
7. How have the changes in the town's boundaries affected us?
8. How do the ways we live and work in our town change the way people think about living here?

Sports, Recreation, and Other Fun Public Activities

1. Other than private homes, where do people go to have fun in our town? (If there are a lot of places, you may want to list categories, such as bowling alleys, snack bars, pools, etc.)
2. Which age groups and interest groups use these facilities in our town? Are they used a lot or very seldom?
3. Who runs these facilities? Are these public places open to everyone? Are they private clubs or places of business?
4. How much does it cost to take part in the activities there? Is it paid for out of taxes, entrance fees, membership fees, user fees, or donations?
5. Where are the various recreational places located in our town? (downtown, in neighborhoods, on the outskirts of town, near schools, etc.)
6. Are there recreational and sports activities that need a space or more space for their activity? What are they and what kind of space do they need? (pools, soccer fields, studios for artists or musicians, golf courses, etc.) Do they have any suitable place in town where they can participate in their sport or hobby?
7. How does having or not having certain kinds of recreational and sports facilities help or hurt our town?
8. How would having more or fewer places for recreational and sports activities change our town? Would these be good or bad changes?

The Environment and Pollution

1. Think of all of the kinds of pollution in our town: air, water, noise, etc. What are the major reasons we have pollution in our town? (businesses, human waste, cars, litter, etc.)
2. What benefits do we enjoy from the activities that are also sources of pollution?
3. Has pollution increased or decreased in our town since we were born?
4. Who is affected most by the pollution in our town? Are there particular parts of town that are polluted more than others?
5. What level of pollution is acceptable to most people in our town?
6. Who should decide how much pollution is acceptable?
7. What special environmental resources do we have in our town? (places, animals, bodies of water, views, plants, wilderness areas) Which of these are protected by laws and ordinances at this time? Which ones do we need to protect in the future?
8. Who would be helped and who would be hurt if we limit what people can do in order to protect natural resources in our town?



Parks

1. What are the most interesting natural places in our area? Where are they located- on private land or park land? (for example, waterfalls, hiking trails, cliffs, etc.)
2. What kinds of ways do people in our town use parks? (sports, picnics, walking, playgrounds, concerts, zoos, sleeping, etc.)
3. Which parts of town have the most parks? Are there places with no parks nearby? Would these be nice places to put a park or are they unsuitable?
4. How expensive is it to run the parks we now have in our town? How is the cost of running the parks paid?
5. What condition are our town's parks in right now? Are they maintained well? How many people use them? Are there problems that need solving?
6. Are there areas in or near our town that would make good parks? Who owns the land? What would have to be done to turn that land into a park?
7. Why might some people in our town be against making a new park? Why would other people want new parks?
8. How would creating a park change the environment and natural resources of a place?

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