

## FOSTERING POSITIVE GROWTH: DADE COUNTY SURVEY 2022

Dade County and the City of Trenton have joined together to create a Comprehensive Plan. Planning is an important practice to build and maintain a strong and healthy community. This plan will help guide growth and development within Dade County through the years ahead. By providing your anonymous opinion to the following questions, your feedback will help guide the leaders of Dade County and the City of Trenton as they set long-term goals and identify projects to meet the needs of each community.

1. What is your connection to Dade County and/or the City of Trenton? (Select only one)

- I live in Dade County or the City of Trenton but work elsewhere
- I work in Dade County or the City of Trenton but live elsewhere
- I both live in and work in Dade County and/or the City of Trenton
- I live in Dade County and/or the City of Trenton but am unemployed
- I live in Dade County and/or the City of Trenton but am retired

2. What age group do you represent?

- Less than 18
- 18-34
- 35-54
- 55-69
- 70 years or older

3. Which of the following best describes your current status? (Select only one)

- Employed
- Unemployed
- Retired
- Student and Employed
- Student and Unemployed

4. Do you own a business? (Select only one)

- Yes
- No
- N/A

5. If you own a business, where is your business located? (Select only one)

- Dade County
- City of Trenton
- Walker County
- Chattooga County
- Hamilton County/City of Chattanooga, Tennessee
- Marion County, Tennessee
- Jackson County, Alabama
- Dekalb County, Alabama
- N/A

6. If you do not own a business, where is your location of employment? (Select only one)

- Dade County
- City of Trenton
- Walker County
- Chattooga County
- Hamilton County/City of Chattanooga, Tennessee
- Marion County, Tennessee
- Jackson County, Alabama
- Dekalb County, Alabama
- N/A

7. Do you have internet access at your home and/or business in Dade County?

- Yes, and the speed is adequate
- Yes, but the speed is slow
- No internet available

8. How does your community rate overall?

- Excellent
- Good
- Ok
- Fair
- Poor

9. What are the strengths of your community? (Select only 5)

- Small town atmosphere & sense of place.
- Safe community with great police and fire departments
- Interstate & highway availability
- Educational system
- Skilled Workforce
- Low property taxes
- Local leadership
- Outdoor activities (hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, etc.)
- Parks and recreational facilities
- Scenic views and natural wildlife assets
- Historic downtown
- Historic neighborhoods
- Historic & Cultural Resource
- Tourism
- Water and sewer availability
- Proximity to Chattanooga
- Effective land ordinances
- Public services
- Other

If other, please list below

10. What do you feel are threats to your community? (Select only 5)

- Youth leaving and/or not returning
- Lack of local entertainment
- Lack of a skilled workforce
- Losing workforce to surrounding counties and municipalities
- Traffic congestion/safety
- Lack of housing options
- Loss of scenic views and natural areas
- Unkempt properties
- Conditions of the roads (cracks, potholes, etc)
- Lack of sidewalks and bike lanes
- Sewer and water infrastructure condition and availability
- Drug abuse or other crime
- Too many tourists
- Not enough tourist
- Loss of agricultural land and natural resources
- Inadequate land ordinances
- Lack of volunteerism (fire/rescue/civic involvement)
- Other

If other, please list below

11. What type of growth are you interested in seeing within your community? (Select only 5)

- More housing development
- Increase in manufacturing and industrial jobs
- Increase in technology-based jobs
- Historic downtown revitalization
- Increase in broadband availability
- Public water and sewer availability
- Agricultural growth
- Small business development
- Tourism
- None, we have enough

12. What type of housing are you interested in seeing be developed in your community? (Select only 5)

- Traditional, owner-occupied housing
- Senior and retirees
- Young couples/beginner family
- High-end housing developments
- More mixed-use/retail residential housing
- More renter housing options
- More apartments
- Short term rentals

13. What type of projects would you support to make Dade County and the City of Trenton a better place? (Select only 5)

- Increase availability and improvements to public drinking water
- Increase availability and improvements to public sewer
- Improvements to transportation (roads, intersections, street lighting, etc.)
- Invest in sidewalks, trails, and bike lanes
- Invest in the downtown (historic resources, sidewalks, improved parking, etc.)
- Promote local business development
- Improve high-speed internet broadband access
- Recruit more retail and dining businesses
- Recruit more industrial and manufacturing companies
- Workforce training
- Improvements to public parks (trails, signs, dog areas, and other amenities)
- Programs to promote public art
- Invest in and improve public safety
- Increase efforts to promote tourism
- Projects focused on improving education