

Comments from Population and Housing survey

1. What kinds of additional housing types are needed for an ageing population?
2. Low maintenance patio homes
3. Houses with in law apt to help them.
4. all
5. Progressive care
6. Small, single level homes for seniors. ADA compliant.
7. Maintenance free Condos and townhomes
8. Like what is found in Clemson
9. Life care communities
10. Single units
11. Retirement community
12. Skilled nursing
13. apartments, condo's
14. Apartments
15. Smaller 2 bedrooms 2 bathrooms
16. Patio homes
17. The elderly need affordable living as well - low income homes
18. Single family
19. Single story condominiums
20. Apartments
21. small home communities with amenities such as pool, cabana, for 55+, there is nothing like that in this area. We have townhomes but not amenities..
22. small affordable 2-3 bedroom houses/townhouses in the \$100-150,000 price range for "starter" and "retirement" people; low-income rental apartments in the \$250-750 a month price range
23. Build apartments over stores in places like Seneca. People will come to live and work and restore and compete against big box stores on the highways.
24. Inter-generational, human-scaled developments

25. Integrated housing where all ages co-mingle
26. Manufactured housing parks with nice amenities
27. Affordable retirement communities
28. Better and safe housing that people can afford.
29. Affordable for senior citizens
30. Single level homes
31. Condos
32. Low Income Homes and Section 8 listings.
33. Single level
34. Single housing
35. Manufactured homes and/or trailer parks
36. Multi level care - like a Clemson Downs, homes, assisted living, nursing care

37. To attract younger workers and professionals, and to keep our local youth in Oconee County, what kinds of facilities does Oconee County need, or need more of?
38. Place to take their dogs...dog parks
39. Competitive recreation facilities for youth
40. Competitive recreation facilities for youth. Youth entertainment parks.
41. Daycare
42. bike trails, hiking trails in the towns, community gardens, more opportunities for recycling; "green" technology
43. Waterparks, indoor laser tag, community pools, roller skating/skateboard parks, mini golf/go carts, arcades
44. Industrial / business
45. mall
46. Skating, bowling, miniature golf, swimming pools, recreation facilities
47. More upscale shopping and restaurants.
48. Parks with entertainment for teens and children, biking, skating,
49. YMCA and it's programs for youth, adults and seniors
50. Pet Friendly

51. Music and outdoor theaters
52. We are in desperate need of a community park in the Walhalla/West Union area with walking trails, maybe a water park. A roller skating rink would be great as well. There definitely needs to be more for our teenagers to do.
53. Ymca
54. Amphitheater
55. Ymca
56. More quality companies to start careers in
57. Skate park, skating rink, arcade, mini golf
58. Actual parks!!
59. Walkable communities, bike trails, lien swamp rabbit
60. Jobs .
61. Indoor recreation: Top Golf, other venues when rainy, extreme hot or cold
62. Things for teens to do..... Skating rink or other busy activities. Kids have very little to do, therefore when they go to college, they don't want to come back and have a family or raise children here because of lack of activities to keep kids busy and out of trouble
63. Better paying jobs
64. Affordable Daycares like the DAR. We LOVE the DAR its realistic practices. The teacher turnover is low which makes me feel at ease leaving my little. Also, a 2nd shift daycare is needed due to manufacturing.
65. We need a COUNTY RECREATION organization that has the best interest of kids at heart.
66. Good restaurants aka Longhorn
67. Restaurants and shopping that is attached to some of our natural resources, a restaurant near the bike trails, more eating or marinas on the lake, outdoor clothing and item stores.
68. Dog park, running and bike trails
69. Community center for special occasions, showers, reunions
70. Quality restaurants and shopping. Not more fast food restaurants

71. Medium priced restaurants
72. "Cool Hip" places where they want to be

73. bring in more up to date fashion places besides Belk in Seneca. I think they set their fashion for 80+. We could use something like a Kohls...
74. Quality infrastructure (road, sidewalks). Clean, safe environment. Good schools. Affordable, single-family homes to purchase.
75. Recreation! Look at North Myrtle Beach, YMCAs, Rock Hill, etc... We are way behind!
76. sidewalks, neighborhood playgrounds, green space for walking, dog parks
77. Your biggest challenge is to get the young to love learning and to continue to learn after leaving high school. It is engaged parents and retired mentors who can do that, not facilities. When you think of economic development in Oconee include the development of people not just property.
78. Public indoor spaces
79. Medical
80. Book store
81. Nice Restaurants, not fast food & places to work
82. More than one movie theater
83. Target! Coffee shops! Sit-down restaurants! Trails! Nice downtown merchants in all municipalities. Attractions and spaces for all populations- black, white, young and old
84. steak house, Olive Garden
85. **Local restaurants that serve fresh and exceptional food that you don't mind paying for because you know the quality.**
86. I would love to see the old buildings in town be utilized, including Seneca, Walhalla & Westminster.
87. Activities for youth/teens.
88. We need more playgrounds with better quality than the existing ones.
89. The county needs more of the large chains... Best Buy. Target, outback, longhorn... while most in Seneca can travel to Anderson. It's inconvenient for those in the rest of the county to travel that far
90. Anything family friendly, playgrounds, splash parks, children's garden, etc. More festivals and things for kids and families.
91. Green Ways, bicycle friendly paths & lanes, walking trails

92. Target
93. County own Recreation Center with indoor pool
94. Fun zone, skating, go carts, sky zone . Keep people here and not send them to send their money in Anderson or Greenville county
95. Playgrounds
96. Large outdoor complexes that combine multiple use athletic fields with camping spots and various activities. Baseball fields, grills, outdoor basketball courts, disc golf, batting cages.. etc.
97. Things for families to do together/good restaurants
98. Coffee houses, activities for kids (indoor and outdoor), outdoor/sports businesses geared to hiking and camping, bike shop.
99. Our is very much in need of something in the area to keep them busy so we do not loose them to Juvenile Justice Systems/Prisons.
100. Bowling facility in good repair
101. Beautiful Community Theatre
102. Indoor facility for large groups, sporting events meeting facilities
103. Higher end stores and water view restaurants. Companies offering higher pay need higher level amenities. Dollar stores and strip malls are not attractive. Look at Greenville and the companies they attract.

Comments from Natural Resources and Community Facilities survey

104. If you have additional comments, please enter them here:
105. We have beautiful natural resources and outside activities. Any improvements to our "outdoor" resources must be in tandem with improving Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster to support the local residents and influx of visitors to the county.
106. Oconee County is naturally beautiful. It is a pleasure to live here, however, the cities of Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster would benefit greatly by developing and promoting areas like "Ram Cat Alley" for local residents to utilize and enjoy as well as a providing dining, shopping, and entertainment for all the visitors who travel to the area.
107. "Fishing piers on all 3 lakes for elderly, handicap &" non boat-owners - numerous locations

108. Demolish abandoned buildings in front of Seneca City Hall - build new library, increase foot traffic downtown
109. In the schools - what is the ratio of teachers/admin to students from 1988-2018?"
110. County Council will need to balance economic growth with preservation of our rural lifestyle.
111. Everyone wants to talk about the soft issues. What Oconee County needs is increased employment, higher wages and jobs that increase average wages that will result in all the tax revenue you want to do all these other things! Put your effort into attracting new high tech businesses and that will provide a means to addressing the other opportunities!
112. "improve US123. Need turn off run ways for any place where there are left turns thru the medium. There are many accidents at these points.
113. Maybe a center lane all the way between Seneca and Clemson, the 5th being for left lane turns. For that matter lanes for Cat Bus stops instead of it stopping anywhere along 123"
114. Need to protect the water ways and lake areas that furnish drinking water and support tourism. Septic tank maintenance needs to be continually emphasized with ability to identify problem systems. Need strong ordinance for riparian protection and burning of debris from land disturbance. People should not be able to disturb land unless they have a permit and install and maintain silt fencing.
115. I am so glad you are seeking community input. Your comprehensive plan for the future of Oconee County is forward thinking. Thank you!
116. In terms of community facilities, i would like to see a couple of business incubators in Westminster & Seneca. Instead of looking to build a new structure towards Clemson/OC Area, the money should be used to refurbish older buildings in Downtown Westminster & Seneca and convert them into Business Incubator spaces for developing Co-ops & Entrepreneurs.
117. The reason visitors come to Oconee is to experience its natural beauty, which must be preserved in the face of development. As long as

developers have the power to sway decisions within Oconee County, our county will continue to degrade and lose its charm.

118. Oconee County is a beautiful place, and we're fortunate to live here. If more tourism is desirable, then let the tourists pay for it. Our money should be better spent on preservation of existing resources.

119. Disc golf is becoming a popular sport and it would be nice to see it represented in more of the area parks. Also, any new equipment to playgrounds to incorporate the special needs community with wheel chair swings and sensory areas. Simpsonville City Park has such an area.

120. I would like the county to look again at providing internet infrastructure for ALL residents of the county, not just where our private developers are willing to sink money at their profit. I live in a reasonably affluent community, but because we are only 60 owners, no provider will make any infrastructure investment to bring high speed internet with acceptable bandwidth to our neighborhood -- and we are prime customers for this type of service. If the direction of all communications and services is going to be internet, then we cannot assume that profit motive alone will make developers cover everyone.

121. It would be nice to see a dog park in Oconee County.

122. We are so excited about the ymca opening. I actually voted for the tax increase originally to provide that but it did not get the majority votes. Looking forward to all the new exciting things coming to our area.

123. Having, and following a plan is important.

124. Need more accessibility to recycling, more recycling receptacles, more man power to do so

125. We need to invest in children and family recreation or this country will be only for retirees and older people

126. Have recently came across info pertaining to other places using recycled plastic in the maintenance and building of their roads and highways. Why are we not doing this? The county recycles plastic so why not put it to a good use and the roads have shown to last longer with less repairs. Just a suggestion and it would eliminate having to dispose of the plastics somewhere else in the environment. We could be a first in the are

to try this!!! Lets be a first for something good instead of something to be ashamed of. We have the CAT buses... Lets get our roads taken care of by using the resources that are available without more cost and that will last longer into the future. After all... This is s major complaint of Oconee County Citizens!!! Potholes and roads in bad need of repairs and upkeep. Present this to the people of Oconee and I think it would be highly supported!!!

127. These type investments pay off in the long run, and will help keep our area a top location for tourism, retirement location, and for families to locate. Along with improvements to education, it will help draw industry and job growth to the area. one question I did not rate was recycling center availability. There are several I go to, fairly close. I have not studied the overall distribution county wide and did not feel qualified to comment.
128. We have to protect our natural and scenic areas in Oconee county. Our rivers and lakes are 2 of the main reasons for tourist in the area. Tourism brings in lots of money for the county and residences of the county. If our rivers, forest, lakes, etc. are polluted, in my opinion we would lose out on a lot of visitors to the area.
129. Town needs a more friendly atmosphere.
130. Hope to won \$100 Could help my family alot
131. Improving the appearance on the area around Exit 1 off I-85 is critical. The roads are in horrible shape, There is an abandoned gas station that is an eyesore and potentially hazardous. The impression of the southern entrance to our county is terrible. Also, if Hwy 11 is supposed to be a scenic highway, it should have some protections from commercial signage, etc.
132. I would love the enhancement of this county but maintain the beauty / simplicity of it as well as getting new restaurants into the area is important it sucks bc I have to drive to anderson / easley / Greenville to be able to have something different and amazing food
133. There is a huge need for wheelchair accessability to picnic areas like the one table at mullens ford. This is the only place my family is now able to go to due to my mother being wheelchair bound.

134. We gave a beautiful County and the litter breaks my heart. We need more clean up days and stricter laws against it.
135. Like it or not, our secret is out and beautiful Oconee is a main tourist attraction in South Carolina. With the loss of industry in our area, we need to cash in on the tourism dollar. All of Oconee needs to work together to provide all we can to promote and protect the natural resources we have, while attracting tourism.
136. I would love for there to be areas at the park for walking trails. Where you could enjoy the beauty of the water while you walk and get your exercise in. People are so busy this day and time, this could be a place to walk and enjoy the beauty of the lakes and being outdoors while not **having to rush around with life's busyness.**
137. I strongly support a 1cent sales tax that would enable and benefit the majority of the projects Oconee County needs
138. Oconee County has some beautiful natural areas. I hope you will continue to protect them. We especially appreciate the educational programs run at South Cove County Park. Thank you! Keep Oconee beautiful!
139. In regards to recycling we need areas that actually support recycling, our county "recycling" centers make recycling very difficult or atleast the one we use in Richland does.
140. I was disappointed learning my Access Pass does not allow day use at Oconee Point Campground. I moved to Oconee County from Houston Texas this past November. I chose this county because of all the parks. I have a brain injury, on my good days I enjoy the parks.
141. Lake and landing fees to non-residents. They play in our lake/water/land then they pay.
142. I am totally against raising taxes under any circumstances. The people are taxed enough. Before the above are considered. I would place emphasis on infrastructure and divert lottery money to pave roads. Our county has horrible roads and I am ashamed for vacationers to come here. That should take priority over any of the above!!!!!!!!!!!!

143. I love nature. Taking my family to these areas, sometimes I know nothing about them and I have lived around here my whole life. Resource book and directions would be amazing
144. I cant even believe this is a survey with these questions! There should be no question in regards to protecting our parks and lakes and our history!!!! What the world!!!
145. People that live near or on the lake generally have access. These lakes are a gem and there should be fines on those that destroy them with trash and harmful things. People should be educated about what a precious resource it is. When we were temporarily in an apt in Seneca before renting a house on Keowee, it was difficult to use and access the lakes. One thing we really love are the swings and porch of the general store at South cove. Make more areas where people can have seating and stuff to watch and relax in the sunsets and sunrises. More places to dock a boat temporarily if you are not on a waterfront lot. Unless you have a waterfront lot, there is virtually no dock space to just dock for a few hours or a day! More access to actual beach type areas. We LOVE 12 mile recreation for this reason- beautiful, picnic tables, and huge beach area. Make areas more handicap accessible. We love To visit devils state fork park. The beach area has **gotten trashy and you are attacked constantly by bugs. It's not very** handicap accessible (one of the reasons we like 12 mile is because it is very handicap accessible).
146. Protect and restore our environment
147. "Improve current recycling centers (staff often doing little) instead of creating more. Make recycling easier so it will be more widely used ex. home recycling bins available and other interventions. Is recycling creating revenue or costing tax payers?
148. Enforce dumping for residents only at dump center, charge others not citizens who need to dispose of large items.
149. Maintain roadways, keep drains clear of debris and overgrown weeds to prevent ponding, clean debris from roadway. Some of our roads have unnecessary piles of debris which have potential to damage vehicles.

150. Zoning of new development for deceleration lanes and safe turning lanes so that accidents don't occur or frequent near misses."
151. "As I have suggested before, consideration for paved bike paths - possibly in the footprint of local utility lines as the roadways are not safe considerations to ride. I have NO INTEREST IN riding areas currently being developed for instance in the Stumphouse Tunnel area.
152. Also, would like to see some coordinated effort to promote organized/regular tennis activities at the tennis courts at South Cove Park.
153. Moving to this area I have found a very difficult time to find fellow activity minded tennis players to play regularly. In my communication with the staff at this location I keep hearing there is no capacity to support this request. Thank You!"
154. CLEAN UP and IMPROVE PLAYGROUNDS. Oconee County kids deserve SAFE, clean places to play and learn outdoors. We need parks with walking, hiking, and biking trails.
155. I have lived in Illinois, California, Washington and Dorchester County SC. Oconee County is definitely home. I love it here!
156. Emphasis on recycling. Add bus stops.
157. Convenience centers are fine, but would like to see open hours on Wednesday and Sunday, even if they're shorter.
158. Keep Oconee Beautiful -- place an immediate stop on the installation of billboards.
159. Ive lived in Oconee County less than a month so I haven't enough familiarity with some of the subject matter to render an opinion.

Comments from the Economic Element survey

When it comes to growth and development, what is the county's greatest challenge

Below are comments related to this question

160. Changing the opinion of the agricultural people to want change and progress.
161. Especially to cater to those that make \$45,000 annually and lower.

162. tourists come to view natural resources. They spend money and make little impact on infrastructure. Let's encourage them by protecting **our special place. Protect small towns' character also.**
163. Unmanaged growth with little zoning.
164. Divided population about managed growth
165. Job opportunities while protecting our character & natural resources
166. We have minimum wage jobs, but it still does not pay the bills.
167. Achieving a balance of all of the provide and protect items listed above.
168. Providing more options for fine dining
169. Providing great downtown spaces to bring people together.
170. We need more restaurants, shopping, and things to do.
171. There is nothing to do in this town for adults and children! Education consists of giving a child a tablet all day!
172. Infrastructure is a major problem in the county. The roads are in desperate need of attention. The more growth, the more dire the need.
173. The downtown area needs revitalization NOW - people will come and spend their money if the town has great restaurants/breweries/shopping!
174. **Maintain balance between agriculture, industry and lake living**
175. Managed growth to avoid sprawl.
176. People in power that lie

What type of development is most needed? If you chose Other above, please elaborate

177. campgrounds, museums, arts colony, restaurants that serve breakfast on Sunday.
178. Development of our downtown area, more restaurants & retail. Also need another big box store like a Target.
179. increased community resources (cultural, societal, public services)
180. Parks, bike/walking paths
181. Quality care facilities for aging population
182. Develop the Golden Corner Commerce Park...this keeps getting overlooked

183. Better roadways
184. For the disabled or elderly. We have to send elderly a long way from their family sometimes because there is not enough beds around here.
185. Decent housing for the poor and affordable housing for the lower/middle class working families.
186. Reuse of downtowns
187. Restaurants, shopping, things to do.
188. Clean adequate organized parks and recreation.
189. More commercial lake development would turn this sleepy little county into a travel destination.
190. Even though newer is nice, I think some of the older buildings should be fixed when possible.
191. Fixing structures that already exist
192. Keep developing the downtown area like Ram Cat Alley and Seneca will thrive!
193. **More public parks, children's areas, dog parks**
194. Safe places for our wildlife.
195. Commercial and residential are equally important
196. Updated libraries
197. Leave us as-is
198. Parks and recreation
199. City parks and libraries
200. apartments and low-income housing

- a. What county improvements should the County prioritize? If you chose other above, please explain?
201. WELLS HIGHWAY PRETTY PLEASE!!!
202. There needs to be more for teenagers to do so they'll want to stay here and be an economic driving force. My 2 teens can't wait to move somewhere else with "more to do".
203. revitalize cities and towns

- 204. WE DO NOT NEED MORE STUDENT HOUSING!!! We need more lower to middle income housing. Since there is not an open response to the next questions, we should be growing and recruiting small businesses that will fill our empty stores on all of our Main Streets. I think we have sufficient manufacturing job opportunities.
- 205. Develop spec bldg that has already been funded for GCCP.
- 206. Our roads are so bad my car is tearing up driving down the road.
- 207. Help us keep our local museums open to the public. They struggle too much just to keep the doors open.
- 208. Restaurants, shopping, things to do.
- 209. pot holes everywhere
- 210. Bring in decent retail/restaurants/events and the rest will follow!
- 211. Police Response
- 212. Downtowns
- 213. Residential, shopping
- 214. Libraries (all branches)
- 215. Residential, shopping
- 216. Libraries

- a. Other Comments
- b. Anything else you'd like to add?

- 217. Walhalla needs more shops/restaurants if people frmo all over to visit Oconee, fix it up. More affordable housing, no more expensive houses/apartments
- 218. Water and sewer needed to I-85 exits
- 219. 75-84 age range, but we're still very active
- 220. Multiple references to wanting a Lane Bryant and Hammick Clothing stores
- 221. No

222. I would love to see more available & affordable housing options for anyone who either lives in Oconee or wants to live in Oconee. Also, I want to see more entrepreneurship programs pushed here in Oconee, especially with our young people. There is too much focus on getting our youth into the manufacturing industry and very little to none focused on teaching them how to create their own businesses. I would also like to see more Co-ops in existence here in Oconee as well. Worker Co-ops, Consumer Co-ops, Housing Co-ops, etc...need to exist in our area. The County govt as well as the municipalities need to do more for the Black & Hispanic Communities when it comes to Entrepreneurship & Affordable Housing. These groups along with poor white have been ignored for way too long and drastic steps need to be taken to address these critical issues. So far, that has not happened. Eventually I hope it does.
223. There needs to be some consideration in providing more funding for the county parks, museums, and libraries.
224. The county is growing in a small geographic area compared to the total area of the county. We need to manage that growth and if that means zoning, corridors and overlays then we need to act proactively. We're already behind and we need to move forward more quickly.
225. Oconee needs homes in the \$150,000 or less range to accommodate young families working in the manufacturing and service sectors of our economy. Oconee also needs to stop pretending that manufacturing is a quality job in Oconee County - most companies are only hiring temps for 1 year because they don't want to offer insurance, so most high school grads working in manufacturing are just working in circles as they hop from 1 factory to the next and never advancing or getting any stability. Management positions are limited and usually filled by young adults who transfer from the company's other locations and only stay for a few years on their way up the corporate ladder in other locations. Economic Development brags about opportunities in manufacturing and even has the school district pushing students in that direction, but the reality on the ground is very different and not at all healthy.
226. The corruption needs to stop.

Cultural Resources and Transportation comments

227. The county and some state roads are unsafe and in terrible shape. Need repair!
228. All pick-up trucks should be mandated to cover the truck bed at all times. It is too easy for drivers to toss trash in their truck beds. As they drive down the road trash flies out. Our county roads would be much cleaner.
229. More concerts
230. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan should include actions to reduce litter in Oconee County (enhance attractiveness of scenic corridors), plus provide a central facility large enough to accommodate large gatherings - concerts, graduations, meetings, weddings, etc.
231. Things that annoy me about this county - lack of dead animal cleanup in timely manner (how about dead deer at Christmas time). Lack of turn in and out lanes of HWY 28 and other busy roads. Grass mowing alongside roads right after trash bags filled, thus leading to the bags being ripped apart and area looking worse with the trash, and the same with dead animals that have not been moved and get sliced and diced. Mopeds driving not up to speed limits of roadway. Pitiful appearance of Downtown Seneca. Neglected roadways in general. Lack of professionalism in manners and attire with some county employees. Lack of apparent Architectural control. I could go on.
232. Please clean up and mow regularly our right ways, they are embarrassing!
233. "Live in a small subdivision with a private road (about 20 houses). It has a deeded right of way. It's so bad the fire trucks and ambulances have warned us they may refuse to come down it in the future. Most live in mobile homes and/or on social security and don't have money to fix it proper.
234. Wish Salem had CatBus."

235. "This survey includes comments re Highway 11 Scenic Highway. NOONE is caring for it in the last 20 years. It will not remain at all scenic if it is not somehow included in zoning, permitting, or etc."
236. I'd like to ride a road bike for exercise, but the roads are too narrow making them very dangerous.
237. Better internet options for rural areas. Also, have you thought about placing tornado sirens on top of existing water towers to increase coverage areas.
238. "PLEASE increase emphasis on litter control. Some type of zoning/property management to eliminate unsightly lots, ie junked cars, overgrown yards, structures that are falling in. Maintain the roadway shoulders with more frequent mowing. Consolidated athletic/recreational area(s) to include pool, fields, and courts(handball, tennis)"
239. I would like to see wider berms on the roads - very unsafe to run or walk- even facing traffic.
240. Walking and bicycling options need much improvement. Both in terms of availability and safety. Safety consists of both law enforcement and maintenance by adjacent property owners. Wells Hwy from Radio Station Rd to S Oak St and back up to Blue Ridge Elementary is a prime example of speeding not being enforced and property owners not maintaining the sidewalks for overgrown weeds and trash. The lack of pedestrian walkways is a common complaint of visitors to our company that stay in the hotels along Hwy 123.
241. Seneca library needs to be updated; CatBus is not safe to ride due to drug activity on board. Bike riders on curvy secondary roads is not safe for the bike rider or the car driver as it now stands.
242. I think the CAT bus is great. I just don't have a need to use it. Haven't been to any Farmers Markets, but I plan to.
243. This survey left out any mention of the arts - Blue Ridge Arts Center, Walhalla Performing Arts Center, Westminster Music Centre, Gateway Arts Center, and Oconee Community Theater are just as important as the local museums listed.

244. "I would support funding for the airport because of the large amount of visitors to Clemson events that arrive/depart from there. Those visitors bring in money while here. However, I would like the county to provide more funding for the library system to upgrade the buildings that residents use every day first.
245. We need new library facilities in this county.
246. A cultural resource I'd like to see is a public space for people to enjoy art, music, or a performance, something edifying and enlightening. I would support a farmers' market if it wasn't so far away from where I live. Why don't you build a new library in Seneca and make the current library into an art museum? Or build a new art museum with performance spaces that is close enough to downtown to encourage people to park and walk there? Having to drive everywhere in Oconee County is detrimental to its cultural development by letting the car dictate people's habits.
247. Seneca could use a dog park
248. We NEED a new library facility in Seneca. We need CATBUS to run to Walhalla(County offices, Courthouse) from Seneca and Westminster.
249. "I believe funding for the Oconee county Libraries should take priority.
250. The Seneca Library needs a new building in particular."
251. Since my arrival 18 months ago there seems to be a mind set that new things/suggestions are not viable as many reactions seem to be either we can't do that, we have too much already on our plates, it's been that way for as long as I remember, don't even try to approach that subject as change is not possible - too much negativity etc. I have heard the same from other new residents as we "settle in."
252. have moped/bike lanes on the side roads.
253. "Change is a fact of life. We must not avoid change; we must embrace it. That said, I think residents need to promote tourism more. Oconee county has much to be proud of and we must showcase it. The natural beauty is breathtaking and must be preserved and respected. The Oconee History Museum is working diligently to preserve Oconee's past before it is lost and everyone ought to support their efforts.

254. Tcounty needs to move forward. Bike lanes, connect trails like Swamp Rabbit. Protect the lake with strong riparian and septic tank ordinance. Don't depend on DEHE for correcting septic tank problems after the fact. Protect traffic nodes with overlays that promote building design and signage standards. Corridor planning with signage and building standards.
255. We need better bus transportation in the county. Transportation from Westminster to Walhalla for one. Walhalla is the county seat. Also, bus transportation to polling places on Election Day or several days to Walhalla during the early voting period.
256. I would love to see better resteraunts with more verity. I would also like to see more resteraunts or grocery options along Hwy 11
257. "I live in the city limits of Seneca, but do not know what kind of road we live on.
258. I have my own car so I do not ride the Catbus."
259. We should have cruzing brought back in all towns . Growing up my parents could always find me in 10 minutes by parking at hardees in Westminster if I wasn't driving i was in somebody's car " car hopping" at least we were all safe , together, and could be montioered by local city and county Police. Those are my most cherished teenage memories and nobody hardly ever got into anything big or bad trouble
260. Schools need to hold more dances over the weekends and such to wear these kids will have something constructive to do and become friends instead of enemies and more meetings and get-togethers at the schools and communities as well need Community get-togethers in front of Walmart or in Walmart's parking lot for the safety of the kids and as well as bands that would draw the interest of the younger generation and as well something that would draw interest for the older people of the community just camaraderie in the community that would draw people from all communities each Community having its own little get-together such as Walhalla Seneca Westminster there has to be something that will draw interest to all age groups.... with all of the things going on in this world today that the racism thing needs to be addressed ...

261. I would like to see planning to incorporate a lakeside world-class resort in our community. Also, I would like to see the Planning commission work on additional uses for the 123 corridor to include office parks, live/workspace projects and more Senior/Assisted living projects so our Seniors can easily transition from SFR homes to a supported lifestyle environment. Finally, the Control Free Zones could use some discussion as it relates to those CFZ parcels that are closer to more densely developed properties. Thanks for all your hard work on this project.
262. County needs to pick up the trash that sorry people throw out on highways & side roads. They also need to keep the grass/ weeds cut on side roads more often than once a month or two!!! The pot holes on roads need to be fixed better the first time they fix them so won't have to keep returning back frequently spending more money! People that live on county side roads have to deal with all this mentioned daily. This is a pretty county so better care needs to be done don't the roads for trash, holes & weed cutting and also ditches that get full of weeds, trash & other debris that prevents them from draining well!! And this county needs another nursing home/ rehab facility because only have 2. This would help families not having to place a parent out of town making it difficult to see & check on them. There are more assisted living places then long term places here!!
263. The county should support the YMCA more with a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) but not put 20 other things with it like the last time.
264. "Oconee County lacks adequate (healthy lifestyle restaurants) Fast food is not an option for us. I like the idea of the CAT Bus even though I would not use it as I don't work. Safer bike trails is a must. We seem to many roads under some sort of construction very frequently. Yet the overall improvement of most state or county roads are in need of constant upgrades. Poor quality materials or poor repair work. There never seems to be a plan of where and when road work is taking place and for how long. The major state road that is adjacent to our community was patched up for several miles thinking the entire road would be repaved--not so. SR-130

265. Cultural activities are limited and not well publicized unless you subscribe to the local paper.
266. I would love to purchase more local produce but most of the farmers markets are a longer drive away than the local supermarkets and the hours open do not fit into my lifestyle."
267. It is terribly sad to see the public pools closed for years when there are so many poor children that the only entertainment they had in the summer was to go to the pool. I know some of them!!! In the 17 years I have been a resident of Oconee County, I have seen not just no progress but a shift toward the worst when it comes to programs or facilities that help our youth. Sometimes I wonder if more is being done for the jails than for the poor children of Oconee County and the evidence is disheartening.
268. I would love a better gas station, quick store, and restaurant on Stamp Creek Road near the entrances to Keowee Key. I would love some sort of bar or restaurant on the water so we could meet friends by boat or take company out by boat. It doesn't have to be full scale eating. Beer and pizza would be good enough. We miss the restaurant up near Jocassee that burned down a couple years ago.
269. "-Include rules on development to include and maintain green spaces.
270. -Limit high density residential development like apartments and condominiums off main traffic routes so all the traffic does not empty into busy highway routes directly.
271. -Enforce the co"
272. You need to provide insurance for employees that work for the county. Provide turn Lanes on W. Cherry road and fix the roads in the county especially the most used roads in this county. Keep the history of the county alive by increasing the funding for all the museum's in this county.
273. Make railroad from Seneca to Walhalla into a bike / walking trail similar to the Doodle Trail and Swamp Rabbit. Connect it to Clemson and the new trails at Stumphouse.

274. Biking paths, trails, and/or wide dedicated shoulders for bikes is the #1 biggest lack of transportation in Eagle county. It's really appalling that there is NO safe place to bike in this county. Even the roads that claim to be for bikes (e.g., Hwy 11), has an itty bitty shoulder with traffic going 60mph+ along it. No wonder I never see bikes on it. I don't feel safe on a bike anywhere. We moved here from Colorado and have permanently stored the bikes we used all the time there as they're useless here.
275. Need bus service to Walhalla. Need bus service from every direction to the polls on election days.
276. "Apart from museums and music, I see nothing about other cultural resources, How about performances? The visual arts? Will these not be part of planning?"
277. I'm a recent resident of Oconee County and very happy and proud to live here. It's a great and safe community. I'd love to see more small restaurants/coffee shops on Main Street in Seneca. I love the Tannery, shop there often and would enjoy more shops there. Overall, we are very happy we made the move.
278. Where I lived previously, I rode my bike to work and for recreation. In Oconee County, it is unsafe to ride a bicycle anywhere.
279. We could use more variety in restaurants and music venues.
280. Oconee is a great place to live. Careful zoning would be a good step to prevent unplanned growth.
281. "We need more hangar space at the airport. If the county isn't going to invest in building them, let's allow some of the private entities who have expressed interest in partnering with the airport to do so.
282. I'd also love to see more walking trails near our waterways. Shaver has a great track but ""blue ways"" as mentioned above are so much more relaxing."
283. I am very excited about the YMCA coming and the new running course being built beside Shaver. I wish we had more running trails and more ball fields for the kids. I do not like how many homeless people hang around but have noticed less around Belks lately. I'm excited by businesses moving in downtown and wish someone would do something

about the abandoned buildings downtown (I do think they are privately owned). The airport is a great resource to have!

284. "Help locals find water to swim in during the summer.

285. Money for Parks"

286. The roads need to be fixed as soon as possible. Where are the fuel tax dollars being used? Not in Oconee County.

287. Economic development must be improved

288. Need to fix the pot holes in the county

289. I welcome growth in Oconee County even perhaps the kind that makes tourists as eager as they are about our hubs in the Upstate like Greenville and Spartanburg. But I also hope for growth that is responsible, that enriches and strengthens us and also does not sacrifice the environment of our region. (I love our trees, mountains, trails, animals, etc.!). In addition, I hope, as some of these questionnaires suggest, there is intention and thought put into fair and adequate (maybe more than adequate) access to education, leisure, public transportation, health and other quality-of-life items for the people of our communities, whether they be families or individuals.

290. Moved here only recently and am very impressed

291. I have lived here for 16 years and my major frustration is the lack of vision for this community. Professionals who make their living working with communities like ours could be a big help."

292. "Your air quality goals are in black type which means they have been in effect since the last survey. What has been done, and why is ozone the only pollutant mentioned in the goal? What about others such as mercury? Also in black type is a statement of plans to improve water quality and erosion, yet I often see land clear-cut and even bulldozed around Salem. What has been done up to now? I live near Devil's Fork State Park where every warm week-end, there are long lines of cars, engines idling waiting to get into the park, when often the park is full and they are sent away. A ""Park Full"" sign at Highway 11 or Boone's Creek church would reduce air pollution and lower many human blood pressures.

293. I think everyone would benefit from sidewalks along Hwy. 123. I often see people walking along that road, and it simply isn't safe to do so.
294. Love being raised in, Seneca SC ...love seeing it grow day by day ... Wish there were more shopping places and restaurant options... Bobcats all the way !!!!
295. We need more retirement communities.
296. I feel that if there was a better sidewalk/crosswalks by Seneca High School more students would walk/ride bikes. Currently it is just too dangerous not to mention the emissions from the parent drop off/pickup lines.
297. I'm fortunate to not have to rely on the CATbus but support any funding to make it as accessible for those that do need it.
298. Oconee Regional Airport should get more money from the Clemson elite. Correct me if I am wrong but isn't that who uses it most?"
299. Roads in Seneca need repaired
300. "Need more Officer out patrolin streets getting these people who r doin drugs
301. Wish they could go in people homes in get adults who are doin drugs with kids
302. In the house"
303. Would love to see more entertainment choices in Oconee
304. Not sure what this survey is intended to determine, but Oconee county has so much potential, but little engagement. There needs to be more wallhalla and Westminster community development. People should be going TO both towns, not THROUGH them
305. We need bus routes to Shaver center for election days. Polling for Seneca Districts 1,2,3,4 should not be so crowded into Shaver Center. There should be bus routes from all major towns in Oconee County to the County Seat of Walhalla.
306. The roads need to be fixed. I have replaced one set of tires. We have waited long enough. I would love to see the library in Seneca enlarged and improved. It should have larger meeting rooms with technology and sound systems. Also, high speed internet service should be available everywhere.

307. Seneca needs a new library, more city and county parks.
308. Need play grounds for kids with more updated equipment. Two person swings for older adults should be added to all play grounds now in use. Grandparents could enjoy the facilities with grandchildren. Some shaded areas would also be nice and water fountains. Thank you!!
309. Too many people moving here. They need to be discouraged. If the trend continues, we will be overrun with newcomers. That can only lead to urban sprawl and the problems associated with it. Development may be good for business, but it's definitely not good for the environment.
310. more ways to attract tourists...suggest a trolley (rented or bought used) for special events to connect the towns at those times and solve parking problems
311. The town of Salem is a prime location for a grocery store and culturally sensitive development of other services to serve the rapidly growing communities off Hwy 11 between West Union and Lake Keowee. Services in this area are extremely limited!
312. Walhalla needs more for teenagers. It needs somewhere where they can gather in a safe environment.
313. Entertainment options getting better
314. We have lots of things needing funding, airport is not one of them.
315. Relocated here in November 2017 and my wife in November 2018. Didn't realize **we had 2 farmers** markets in Seneca, so I will start going there regularly. Love fresh veggies and fruits. Enough entertainment for my wife and I. Love Jazz on the Alley, Walhalla Performing Arts Canter, the lake and waterfalls. It was awesome to see SenacaFest in downtown this year.
316. Biking is dangerous. Many have bikes. No where to ride. Very healthy and social. We eat lunch after rides in Pickens, Greenville. Connect bike trails to Pickens and Greenville.
317. Sidewalks we have need repair. Most markets not open and had low vendor participation on listed days last year.
318. Seniors could use more entertainment options.

- 319. Need to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities.
- 320. Not enough entertainment for youth and teens. Rode CATbus once to observe, it was a good ride.
- 321. Sidewalks should be accessible to those with walkers/canes and wheelchairs. Would ride the CATbus everywhere if available.
- 322. I don't need to pay for airport expansions for Clemson football.