

How Important are the Following Issues to You?

Please rate how important the following statements/issues are to you on a scale of 1 to 4, with "4" being MOST IMPORTANT and "1" being NOT IMPORTANT.

4= VERY IMPORTANT
 3= Moderately important
 2= Minimally important
 1= NOT IMPORTANT

	4	%	3	%	2	%	1	%	No Answer
Managing growth and development	51	89%	10	15%	7	10%	1	1%	3
Encouraging compact development	27	50%	23	35%	7	11%	9	13%	6
Having a variety of housing choices	14	55%	22	34%	16	24%	14	21%	6
Protecting and maintaining property values	51	88%	8	12%	5	8%	3	4%	5
Groundwater protection	59	99%	9	13%			1	1%	4
Preserving wetlands	44	85%	13	19%	6	9%	4	6%	5
Preserving wildlife habitat and hunting areas	49	83	8	12%	7	10%	5	7%	3
Preserving fishing and aquaculture areas	57	89	4	6%	7	10%	1	1%	3
Preserving forested areas	50	90	10	15%	5	7%	2	3%	5
Preserving rural character of the County	45	84	8	13%	7	11%	3	5%	9
Preventing urban sprawl	44	79	9	13%	9	13%	5	8%	6
Concentrating growth where services can be provided	42	84	14	21%	7	10%	4	6%	5
Improving the quality of housing	25	60	14	22%	18	28%	8	12%	5
Environmental Protection and Quality	43	87	16	24%	7	10%	2	3%	4
Protecting surface water resources	55	94	8	12%	4	6%			5
Water Quality	64	99	2	3%	1	1%			5
Air Quality	54	92	6	9%	3	5%	2	3%	5
Passive Recreation	38	74	12	18%	13	19%	5	7%	4
Preserving farmland and open space	39	90	21	31%	7	10%			5
Limiting development of and near environmentally sensitive lands	49	89	15	21%	6	8%	2	3%	
Building new roads to improve the transportation system	22	53	16	22%	23	32%	11	15%	
Improving/widening existing roads	25	64	21	29%	16	22%	10	14%	

Paving roads	25	56	35%	15	21%	18	25%	13	19%	
Coordinating transportation improvements with development	25	65	36%	20	29%	19	28%	5	7%	2
Availability of public transportation	13	32	19%	9	13%	22	31%	26	37%	2
Pedestrian facilities	19	51	27%	17	24%	16	22%	19	27%	2
Encouraging industrial growth	14	41	20%	15	21%	20	29%	21	30%	1
Educational opportunities for children	45	87	64%	16	23%	5	7%	4	6%	2
Cultural facilities	19	56	28%	19	28%	15	21%	16	23%	3
Improving volunteer firefighter and rescue services	34	83	49%	24	34%	7	10%	5	7%	2
Supporting services for the elderly	30	73	44%	20	29%	13	19%	5	7%	1
Provision of law enforcement services	34	85	49%	25	36%	6	9%	4	6%	3
Access to health care facilities	35	74	51%	16	23%	11	16%	7	10%	2
Access to lakes, rivers and coastline	29	79	41%	27	38%	9	13%	6	8%	1
Appearance of residential development	28	66	40%	18	26%	12	17%	12	17%	4
Active recreation (county parks, ball fields, etc.)	22	65	32%	23	33%	15	22%	9	13%	2
Extending public water lines	18	44	25%	14	19%	17	24%	23	32%	1
Extending public sewer lines	21	46	29%	12	17%	17	24%	21	29%	1
Attracting new business	22	58	32%	20	29%	14	20%	13	19%	2
Bringing in higher paying jobs	25	65	36%	20	29%	16	23%	8	12%	3
Commercial growth (not industrial)	14	51	20%	22	31%	20	27%	14	20%	2
Providing high quality education	48	91	67%	17	24%	3	4%	4	5%	1
Providing library services	39	81	53%	21	28%	8	11%	6	8%	1
Promoting ecotourism	19	57	28%	20	29%	16	24%	13	19%	2
Animal control services	20	55	29%	18	26%	20	30%	10	15%	1
Recreational opportunities for children	27	70	38%	23	32%	13	18%	9	12%	
Recreational opportunities for adults	24	52	33%	17	23%	22	30%	10	14%	
Trash collection facilities	24	70	34%	25	36%	11	16%	10	14%	2
Preserving historic buildings and places	32	74	46%	19	28%	10	14%	8	12%	1
Appearance of commercial development	26	69	37%	23	32%	9	13%	13	18%	1
Maintenance and upkeep of buildings	30	76	42%	24	34%	11	15%	6	9%	2
Flood protection	23	72	33%	27	39%	12	17%	7	10%	2
Govt. communication, outreach, education and information	22	45	32%	23	33%	15	21%	10	14%	3
Building construction setbacks	28	73	41%	22	32%	13	19%	5	7%	3

Restricting the height of structures	25	55	37%	12	18%	13	20%	17	25%	5
Public involvement	37	83	58%	16	25%	10	16%	1	1%	6
Ability to provide govt. services over the internet	26	60	39%	14	21%	19	28%	8	12%	4
OTHER:										

Other items mentioned were:

- *Bike Trail-3
- *Limit the number of trailers- 4
- *Stop modular home growth
- *Public swimming pools- 4
- *Better benefits on taxes (property) for retired, disabled persons
- *Teenage pregnancy support group
- *Drug/alcohol abuse and prevention
- *Encourage new industry and business opportunity
- *Evaluating and funding more EMS vehicle and personnel- 4
- *Restriction of signage 4
- *Noise abatement, muffler laws- 4;
- *Intra and inter county mini-bus service- 4
- *Speeding-4
- *Better housing for low and very low income- 4
- *Discipline in schools- 4
- *Develop a volunteer base
- *Better communication during hurricanes
- *Animal Control- overcrowding of horses and hunting dogs in tiny pens (2 responses)- 4
- *enforcement of illegal trash dumping- 4
- Litter control, adopt a road program-4
- *monitoring roads for maintenance- 4

SPENDING A DOLLAR

Respondents were asked the question “if you had one dollar (\$1.00) to spend on the following items in Levy County, how would you spend it?”

Item	Total
Education (schools and libraries)	\$10.11
Road Improvement and Maintenance	\$9.47
Emergency Services	\$8.77
Natural Resources	\$6.68
Farmland and Open Space Protection	\$5.55
Utility Service	\$4.56
Parks and Recreation	\$4.48
Economic Development	\$4.39
Other governmental services such as permitting, mosquito control, landfill/solid waste, etc. (see below)	\$2.73
Transportation system/bus service	\$2.20

“Other” items mentioned were: health clinic, encouraging new business and education to fill new business needs, animal control/wildlife, building inspection, tax rebates, senior citizen enrichment, keeping trash off county roads in Bronson, public and preventative medicine, medical availability/transportation service, developing a volunteer base in the County using the expertise of retired people.

LAND USE

Please indicate whether you (A) agree or (D) disagree with the following statements:

The current Comprehensive Plan.....

Note: Thirteen (19) respondents did not complete this table

	AGREE (A)	%	DISAGREE (D)	%	No Answer
2 Provides for an adequate range of residential densities	33	72%	13	28%	1
1 Provides for an adequate range of commercial uses in appropriate locations	36	76%	11	24%	
3 Provides for an adequate range of industrial uses in appropriate locations	32	71%	13	29%	1
6 Should allow increased density for cluster developments	31	58%	22	42%	1
9 Adequately provides for the protection of water quality and springs protection	24	51%	23	49%	2
8 Adequately provides for sewage disposal	23	53%	20	47%	1
4 Adequately provides for solid waste disposal	27	68%	13	32%	7
7 Provides adequate protection to retain prime agricultural lands for agricultural uses	23	55%	19	45%	5
5 Adequately provides for recreational and neighborhood commercial uses in rural areas of the County.	27	60%	18	40%	3

How Satisfied are you with.....

Please rate how satisfied you are with the following services/statements on a scale of 1 to 4, with "1" being very dissatisfied and "4" being very satisfied.

"4" = Very Satisfied

"3" = Somewhat Satisfied

"2" = Somewhat Dissatisfied

"1" = Very Dissatisfied

NA = Not familiar enough to rate the issue/service

	4	%	3	%	2	%	1	%	NA	%
Amount of parks, recreation space and types of space	13	20%	29	45%	14	22%	2	3%	6	9%
County's ability to manage growth	3	5%	19	30%	25	39%	8	12%	9	14%
Road maintenance and paving	11	17%	25	40%	16	25%	11	18%		
Efforts to increase economic development	5	8%	25	39%	13	20%	9	14%	12	19%
Fire protection in the County	11	17%	26	41%	17	27%	6	9%	4	6%
Emergency management and evacuation	13	20%	32	50%	11	17%	5	8%	3	5%
Overall visual appearance of communities	7	11%	19	30%	21	33%	16	25%		
Code enforcement	4	6%	16	26%	8	14%	27	43%	7	11%
Opportunities for citizen input on issues affecting the County	15	24%	20	32%	15	24%	9	15%	3	5%
Efforts to increase tourism	12	19%	20	32%	12	19%	11	18%	7	11%
Efforts to protect water quality and quantity	11	17%	20	31%	17	26%	9	14%	8	12%
Law enforcement and safety	13	22%	22	38%	14	24%	6	10%	3	5%
Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan	4	6%	15	24%	17	27%	5	8%	21	34%
Visual appearance of new development	10	16%	24	38%	15	24%	4	6%	10	16%
Subdivision of property in the County	7	11%	21	33%	13	20%	12	19%	11	17%

2590
 5190*3
 4390*4
 3490
 36590
 2590
 5890*1
 5790*2
 3990
 3790
 4090
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Protection of residents from flood hazards and forest fires via land development regulations and comprehensive plan policies	7	11%	29	46%	9	14%	5	8%	13	21%
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22%

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Gender

Male	42	59%
Female	29	41%

Age

Under 18	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65 & older
0	1 1%	5 7%	12 17%	32 45%	22 30%

Where do you reside?

Cedar Key	7	11%
Chiefland or Chiefland area	9	14%
Fanning Springs	3	4%
Morrison	10	15%
Williston area	11	16%
Between Bronson and Williston	2	3%
Bronson	6	10%
Gulf Hammock	1	1%
Inglis	5	8%
Yankeetown	5	8%
NE Levy County	3	4%
NW Levy County	2	3%
Rosewood/Sumner	1	1%
Raleigh	1	1%
Montbrook	1	1%

Do you have children in school? NA-1

Yes	7 10%
No	60 90%

Do you own or rent a home? NA-1

Own	66 97%
Rent	2 3%

Do you work in Levy County? NA-1

Yes	29 43%
No	39(note: many respondents indicated that they were retired) 57%

Note: 4 respondents did not fill out the demographic section of the survey

What do you like about Levy County?

The phrases “rural atmosphere” or “rural character” were referenced in *17 responses*

The phrases “small town” or “country atmosphere” were referenced in *12 responses*

ADDITIONAL answers included:

- * LOW POPULATION/UNCROWDED (6 responses)
- * PEACEFUL/QUIET PLACE (6 responses)
- * LOW TAXES (5 responses)
- * OPEN AREAS/FARMLAND (5 responses)
- * FRIENDLY PEOPLE (4 responses)
- * NATURAL BEAUTY/AREAS (4 responses)
- * THE GULF, SPRINGS, TRAILS AND CLIMATE (3 responses)
- * LACK OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION (3 responses)
- * TREES/FORESTS (4 responses)
- * RECREATION (2 responses)
- * RIVERS (2 responses)
- * NOTHING (2 responses)
- * LIVING ON THE WATER
- * PEOPLE, SOLITUDE AND CLIMATE
- * SLOW PACE, NATURE, PROTECTED AREAS AND TRAILS
- * LEVY COUNTY HAS EXPERIENCED VERY SLOW GROWTH BUT THE POTENTIAL FOR RAPID GROWTH IS EXCITING TO ME
- * WEATHER
- * LOW COST OF LAND
- * CULTURE AND HISTORY
- * LOTS OF WILDLIFE AND FORESTS
- * ITS IS RURAL BUT GROWING, SMALL BUT HAS ALL I NEED
- * QUALITY OF LIFE
- * VERY FEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS
- * ITS FRIENDLY, RURAL HOMEY ATMOSPHERE
- * SMALL TOWN FEELING WITH GAINESVILLE AND OCALA CONVENIENCES NEARBY
- * EVERYTHING
- * VAST NATURAL RESOURCES, PLENTIFUL WATER SUPPLY, LARGE AREAS OF CONSERVED COASTLINE AND FOREST
- * CENTRAL LOCATION
- * NATURAL LOCATION, ROLLING TERRAIN, FRIENDLY CITIZENS AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE THAT CHOOSE TO LIVE A GOOD CLEAN LIFESTYLE
- * CLEAN AIR AND WATER
- * EASE OF WORKING WITH COUNTY TO GET THINGS ACCOMPLISHED

WHAT DO YOU DISLIKE ABOUT LEVY COUNTY?

GROWTH:

- * rapid uncontrolled expansion
- * growing population
- * New residents relocating because of rural areas and low taxes but demanding same services as they enjoyed previously with no increase in taxes
- * the carpet baggers moving in and seeking to profit at the expense of our environment and rural character
- * its growing
- * developers who have no regard for their impact on those who live here
- * uncontrolled growth
- * growth problems
- * seeming "ad hoc" approach to growth management
- * county leaders resistant to progress, growth and change

ROADS:

- * unpaved roads (3 responses)
- * poorly maintained roads (3 responses)
- * too much trash on roadways
- * deteriorating highways and infrastructure
- * lack of paved roads in subdivisions

REGULATIONS/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- * would like to see enforcement of our "do not litter" ordinances and improved fire protection
- * too many government regulations and involvement in people's lives
- * un-maintained mobile homes 40 to 50 years old
- * lack of zoning laws in unincorporated areas, for example, trailers next to nice homes
- lack of rules to force people to remove trash and junk cars from yards.
- * trash dumping on county roads where people reside must be stopped (off C.R. 335, Univ. Estates, various rural roads
- * lack of enforcement on the cosmetics of commercial and residential areas (2 responses)
- * needs beautification efforts, not very pretty compared to other small communities
- * junky trailers; too many mobile homes and other substandard housing
- * bureaucracy
- * lack of tight land use rules
- * no dog laws
- * good old boy system
- * lack of domestic animal control by pet owners
- * the way it is planned and dealing with County offices, not competent or professional in some departments
- * Politics/close mindedness on important issues- knee jerk reaction to problems when a little preventative maintenance would have save a lot of time and money
- * the lack of care for the caged and penned animals and dogs living their lives on chains

- * junk cars in yards
- * littered highway rights of way
- * old mindset in politics
- * City government not enforcing the “no smoking” ban in public places

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- * the lack of industry, i.e. retailers (natl. and regional), hospital, specifically Chiefland- so much “land for sale” on Hwy. 19, nothing happening commercially.
- * having to drive to Gainesville or Ocala for a decent grocery store
- * having to go outside the County for some needs, services, entertainment
- * no shopping malls
- * too far from anything desired or needed
- * Wal Mart says who can come into the County (business)
- * not enough effort is being put toward new business opportunity for our residents
- * needs a hospital in Chiefland; lack of medical facilities
- * not having a hospital here
- * lack of jobs
- * distance from quality entertainment

OTHER:

- * hunters, republicans
- * everything, sorry I ever purchased a home here
- * lack of services based on taxes paid (2 responses); high taxes (2 responses)
- * lack of recycling centers (like Marion County)
- * lack of work ethic among some of the workers at retail establishments
- * the garbage service
- * belief that rural people are obligated to be unintelligent and backwards if they are to preserve order and peace
- * dairies (smell)
- * hurricanes
- * City of Chiefland’s alleged annexation of land outside limits
- * mosquitoes
- * Williston police acting like we are Dade County
- * nothing
- * low pay for EMS and deputies
- * petty rivalries in government
- * ~~inadequate medical resources/care for indigent persons~~

Please Identify up to five (5) important issues that Levy County is facing or will be facing in the near future (1 to 2 years).

GROWTH/DEVELOPMENT:

A total of 22 responses were related to GROWTH

- * Growth (16 responses); explosive growth without adequate infrastructure (2 responses); urban sprawl, keep county rural, minimal preparation for growth
- * Impact fees (4 responses) for new construction is a necessity. Should initiate move-in fees for mobile/mfg. homes also
- * too many developers allowed to buy and sell land
- * pressure from developers to increase density allowed
- * annexation pressures from cities
- * growth on small parcels of land
- * road development/current platted subdivisions
- * continued attacks to weaken land use regulations
- * protection from crime that comes with growth
- * higher property taxes to pay for growth and services
- * proper land planning
- * unchecked growth- agriculture very important here
- * Reduced tax base due to too many trailers
- * lack of tax base to support infrastructure (2 responses)
- * reactive rather than proactive planning
- * containing population
- * site built homes carrying tax burden
- * too many mobile/manufactures homes allowed (2 responses)
- * land use
- * county's inability to change
- * protection of coastal areas from over development
- * set aside green space for every developed space

RURAL PROTECTION

- * loss of open space for farming
- * over clearing of land and removal of every tree existing on a lot
- * deforestation, fencing of open lands
- * development pressures that are not compatible with rural character
- * maintaining family farm properties

TRANSPORTATION

- * transportation for public use
- * traffic problems (4 responses)
- * Road maintenance; Roads (3 responses)
- * inability for county to afford to keep up maintenance of roads or improve roads
- * paving roads (3 responses)

- * Need to widen and pave roads
- * lower speed limit through Bronson on 27A

SERVICES:

Elderly/Health Care

- * Services (medical) to the elderly (6 responses)
- * Limited health care throughout Levy County

Public Safety

- * Need to increase fire protection/law enforcement (14 responses)
- * crime, transient and local (2 responses)
- * overcrowded jails
- * adequate police rotation on all roads
- * Law enforcement to protect our children
- * loss of police and EMS staff due to low pay
- * public safety
- * pay well enough to keep deputies and paramedics
- * emergency management
- * we are experiencing a population boom and EMS is suffering
- * raising starting pay at EMS and Sheriff's office
- * EMS protection
- * crime because of low income attracted to area.
- * lawful conduct by LSCO Deputies
- * drug sales, manufacture and distribution

Code Enforcement

add to other category

- * Code enforcement (2 responses)
- * Litter control, mostly on rural roads- signs need to be posted/ fines need to be enforced
- * Increase in abandoned mobile homes
- * housing
- * trash

Other:

- * waste management (6 responses)
- * Recreational facilities for teenagers
- * intergovernmental communications and cooperation issues in the provision of services
- * higher demand on services from influx of residents, particularly retirees
- * County provision for municipal needs (i.e. mosquito control)
- * providing services
- * public services/health care
- * street lighting
- * increase animal control needs
- * flood control

ENVIRONMENT:

Note: 15 comments were made related to water protection

- ✓ * Water concerns (2 responses)
- ✓ * Water (don't allow it to be pumped and sold), water contamination because of improper growth planning around beaches to aquifer.
- ✓ * Protecting/maintaining aquifer
- ✓ * Protecting/maintaining fragile ecosystem from development; protection of natural resources
- ✓ * Loss of water quality if too much development is approved
- ✓ * environment
- ✓ * pollution of wetlands and open water; protect improve rivers and waterways
- ✓ * water protection- keep it here!
- ✓ * water shortage, water quality (health and clams)
- ✓ * protection of water sources
- ✓ * growth that will hurt natural resources
- ✓ * water quality (3 responses); water rights
- ✓ * protection of aquaculture (2 responses)
- ✓ * protection of coastal areas from development
- ✓ * water
- ✓ * Ditches, canals dug to take care of excess water to go into retention pond
- ✓ * clean air and water
- ✓ * loss of woodlands

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- * lack of competitive paying jobs
- * lack of employment
- * little commercial development
- ✗ * hospital in Chiefland
- * employment needs
- * need to build a better "image" for the County
- * improve living condition for low and very low income
- * minimal services and attraction of business to Bronson
- ✗ * Development of critical community services- hospital
- * ~~Need more small business and no more Wal Marts~~
- * Stop sale of beer and wine in grocery stores
- * more clean industry jobs
- ✗ * medical facilities in NW County
- * industry
- * adequate shopping district for South Levy
- * need environmentally business (white collar)

EDUCATION

- * Educational funds allocated toward higher education- community colleges and technical schools; schools
- * Education
- * schools (3); educational needs; vocational schools
- * school system quality
- * school overcrowding
- * control in schools so students can learn
- * school space as a result of population growth
- * providing technology and technology updates for schools
- * lack of activities for young people

FUNDING OF SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- * MSTU fees
- * funding; tighter grip on budget by County- cost expert should be hired; trim all budgets
- * high tax assessments
- * make better use of money to run County
- * county-wide purchasing department
- * budget shortfall
- * homesteading- increased tax abatements will rob the County of much needed funds
- * High taxes; spending
- * Keeping spending down and taxes from going up on existing ownership properties
- * property taxes that make it difficult to work in the natural resource based industries: timber, clam farming, row crops, etc.
- * funding; land use; services

OTHER:

- * Drug abuse and sales
- * Poor performance in the State Attorney's office
have state liquor stores)
- * teen pregnancy
- * Food bank/homeless persons

Please identify up to five (5) important issues that Levy County will be facing in the next 5 to 10 years.

GROWTH/DEVELOPMENT

- * Growth (10 responses) (growth pressure from Gainesville/Ocala); urban sprawl
- * Growth for medical facilities/ inadequate medical care (3 responses)
- * Growth in area and becoming overly congested
- * Keep out big housing developers
- * amount of mobile homes (too many)
- * containing population
- * urban type development (residential units on small parcels of land)
- * pressure from developers to increase density allowed
- * annexation pressures from cities
- * subdivisions
- * public health issues related to growth
- * land values
- * housing
- * managing coastal growth
- * providing affordable housing

RURAL PROTECTION

- * Protection of our recreation spots
- * Protection of open lands
- * development pressures that are not compatible with rural character
- * loss of farm
- * set aside greenspace for all developed lands

TRANSPORTATION

- * Roads (limerock won't hold up under the increased traffic)
- * road development- current platted subdivisions
- * roads (2 responses)
- * traffic
- * traffic on Highway 19 through Fanning Springs
- * inadequate roads to handle increased population
- * road infrastructure

SERVICES

- * intergovernmental communications and cooperation issues in the provision of services
- * higher demand on services from influx of residents, particularly retirees
- * new residents wanting same services as from county they used to live in at Levy County tax rate.(2 responses)
- * property taxes that make it difficult to work in the natural resource based industries: timber, clam farming, row crops, etc.
- Code enforcement (3 responses)

- * waste management

Public Safety

- * Law enforcement due to increased number of people
- * Fire Dept.- more full-time people and equipment; fire protection
- * Law enforcement protection for children (2 responses)
- * police, fire and EMS
- * illegal drugs, etc.
- * national security
- * increase personnel to handle emergency population services
- * police and fire rescue (2 responses)
- * emergency management-hurricanes
- * drinking and driving laws not being enforced.
- * drinking by minors in Chiefland parking lot not being enforced
- * reducing drugs in the County

Public Utilities/Services

- * waste; waste management
- * sewers; public utilities
- * ~~waste Management~~
- * public utilities

Services to the Elderly

- * health services (2 responses)
- * public health; transportation related to the elderly
- * influx of seniors without a hospital close by
- * housing for seniors with disabilities
- * higher demand on services, particularly retirees
- * cemetery new location

ENVIRONMENT

- * Gulf of Mexico water quality
- * Older buildings in the coastal flood zone
- * Environmental protection; natural resource protection
- * water/ springs extraction
- * groundwater loss
- * water (3 responses)
- * clamming and fishing in danger
- * water transfer and extraction (3 responses)
- * water quality
- * protection of natural streams
- * environment

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- * Lack of training and education for better paying jobs
- * Lack of high paying jobs (2 responses)

- * Lack of opportunity for high school graduate
- * minimal service or attraction of business to Bronson
- * need for a hospital
- * increase in federal funds and grants
- * lack of bed space in hospital and no medical facilities in Chiefland
- * Need environmentally friendly business

EDUCATION

- * Lack of monitored education for youth
- * Education/school improvement (3 responses)
- * school space
- * schools
- * education opportunities for youth; schools
- * healthy activities for youth
- * adding technology resources to schools

FUNDING OF SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- * budget shortfall
- * controlling of budget
- * taxes
- * MSTU fees
- * funding
- * impact fees to control growth
- * recreation and fee adjustment/implementation

OTHER

- * prejudice toward black people
- * community center, gyms, stage, weight and exercise rooms
- * improve parks and recreation
- * cultural facilities

Are you satisfied with the County's efforts to manage growth?

YES	16	41%
NO	23	59%

What areas of Levy County should be served by public sewer and water?

- * Municipalities and waterfront areas only
- * Within city limits only (25 responses)
- * all
- * property along the river
- * Cedar Key or similar areas where septic tanks would endanger natural habitats
- * as much as possible
- * Inglis and Yankeetown (4 responses)

- * Just those areas dense enough to warrant such projects
- * in the vicinity of towns only
- * those that are more densely populated than one unit per 10 acres
- * none- should be either through home owner's association, municipalities or individual systems
- * Rosewood
- * whoever has the business to support the cost
- * springshed areas; areas with water quality issues
- * US 27 corridor between Williston and Bronson
- * all within 5 miles of city center
- * where the heaviest residential is and industry
- * should have comprehensive sewer plan and stop septic tanks
- * areas within a 3 mile radius of town
- * all areas within a 10 mile radius of towns
- * any areas that can support these services with their taxes and requests them by a majority of tax paying residents
- * all new development with less than one acre parcels (2 responses)
- * every household possible
- * south Levy and Inglis-Yankeetown
- * Cason Acres in Inglis

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

What type of business/industry would you like to see in Levy County?

Eco-tourism/Agricultural Related

- * agribusiness, horse industry (2 responses)
- * farming related, compliment and support
- * golf courses, horse farms, farming, tourism (2 responses)
- * beverage industry, education tours on nature, springs, tourism, hotels, restaurant and cabins
- * more aquaculture/fishing (2 responses)
- * enviro-eco-tourism; tourism related/tourism; eco-tourism/adventure tourism (hunting fishing)
- * cattle
- * land and water based farming/ commercial fishing
- * more horse ranches like Marion County
- * cottage industries made in America

Commercial/Retail

- * K-Mart and Publix; retail sales
- * National corporate headquarters, Home Depot, Lowes, regional shopping mall with national chains as tenants, theaters, hospital and medical offices
- * better restaurants
- * hardware store in Williston, movie theater, bowling alley, clothing store
- * Costco, restaurants, large shopping areas, family run businesses
- * Wal Mart between Bronson and Williston

- * drug stores, supermarket, nice restaurants needed in Bronson area
- * small business, better grocery stores that have easy access and safer for the elderly
- * a hospital is necessary. There is a shortage of multi-laned gas stations, especially in Chiefland. Good quality family restaurants. Not enough locally owned and too many chain restaurants serving poor quality food and driving out family owned restaurants
- * Existing and proposed commercial and retail businesses should conform to a generic guideline of façade integrity and building aesthetics, there are many existing eyesores
- * shopping center in Inglis

Industry Characteristics:

- * environmentally clean industry; light industry/no pollution (9 responses)
- * Those that do not threaten water quality or water extraction
- * job producing
- * High Tech, R & D, agri-science, UF support facility, white collar offices. Attract business not dependent on location (call center, etc.)
- * high tech clean industry
- * any non-polluting/ minimum impact on air quality
- * more selective, higher paying not just anything
- * high paying of course
- * manufacturing, community service needs
- * None- unless they do not pollute the air or water
- * light manufacturing; manufacturing and assembly
- * high economy car, bus and rail car manufacturing
- * Business that would attract a wholesome and moral patronage

Other

- * None
- * hospital (2 responses)
- * health care of all types and within operations and facilities of all sizes- not just limited to traditional medicines or hospital facilities; maybe satellite programs for ag or ecology programs for other higher education facilities (university, etc.)
- * gym/health club
- * those now existing
- * solar energy development and installations
- * tri-county hospital and shopping mall
- * medical center in Cedar Key

Please indicate the type of recreational facilities and amenities that you would like to see more of in Levy County? Where are the facilities needed?

- * Boat ramps, picnic and swimming areas on both lakes and Gulf waters
- * Bike trail (2 responses) connecting Chiefland, Bronson and Williston
- * Swimming pools for high schools

- * Retain fishing pier at Cedar Key
- * Improve County Park at Shell Mound
- * More tennis courts and recreation centers for young people
- * public swimming pools
- * city parks with play grounds for young children- tennis and basketball courts
- * I am thankful for the greenway and the state parks and springs. I don't see much need for more.
- * more facilities needed in Chiefland and Fanning Springs
- * swimming pools for recreational and student use near schools
- * movie theater (2 responses)
- * Current facilities are adequate
- * Reopen Blue Springs; tennis courts and play areas for children, ball fields, geographically friendly to all citizens (2 or 3 sites)
- * walking and bike trails; biking trails
- * upgrade of soccer programs and facilities- probably more through school system.
- * ecotourism facilities are already great
- * Youth center and senior center facilities
- * camping and equestrian facilities at Henry Beck Park
- * natural walking trails at Goethe and Beck Park
- * summer programs for youth utilizing our natural resources
- * more passive open space areas for biking, walking, hunting and fishing
- * facilities in incorporated towns for the elderly and children
- * skating rink in north or south Levy County
- * more trails and sidewalks; connect C.K. to Manatee Springs to Andrews WMA to fanning Springs
- * more boat ramps at C.K. area
- * 30,000 acres of ATV trails
- * add more hunting areas: Manatee, Goethe, DH
- * connect Chiefland to Dunnellon along old rail bed
- * horse related
- * playhouse, movie theater
- * horseback riding and hiking trails
- * swimming pools/gym needed for kids in areas of higher population density with youth programs to keep kids occupied and out of trouble
- * family parks properly maintained
- * more horseback riding facilities (2 responses)
- * facilities are available just not promoted
- * more tourism for sensitive lands benefiting higher paid employees. More jobs, museums, planetariums.
- * parks and trails
- * recreation facilities could be developed with community volunteers that are needed in that areas. All parks should be pay as you go for non-residents. Beck Park and Blue Springs should be free to County residents but all residents should pay a fee.
- * don't need more except where kids are concentrated
- * public parks, golf courses throughout the County (2 responses)
- * natural resource ones- boat docks, facilities at Goethe

- * facilities for low income families- free swimming areas
- * more of same
- * more primitive camping in forest areas
- * user friendly passive parks; rails to trails across county
- * Inglis- tennis and handball; public pool

What areas or properties should be considered for purchase for recreation purposes or protection?

- * Areas of high wildlife population (deer, turkey, migratory fowl)
- * the Andrews land near Cedar Key
- * properties with public access to river, no access fee and bathroom facilities
- * I don't think much money should be spent on this
- * commercial land on Hwy. 19 north of Wal Mart
- * any springs that may be exploited for commercial or individual profit
- * this is geographically driven based on regions within the county
- * areas along the shoreline of the Gulf and the rivers (close the gap on public ownership along the Gulf).
- * target any springs or potential water sources
- * Beck Park has sufficient acreage, needs to be utilized
- * Blue Springs needs to have spring head cleaned for water flow restoration
- * coastal lands
- * inland wetlands and floodplains
- * don't we have enough?
- * coastal zones under contention
- * springshed area that are still wild
- * Philpot property/ Manatee Springs
- * hammock for walking, nature trails, horse trails, camping
- * wetlands and rivers
- * areas around new high school in Bronson
- * any endangered wetlands
- * as much as possible
- * areas and properties with vast amount of trees 92)
- * areas properties with vast amounts of open space for parks and golf courses for recreation (2)
- * forestland
- ~~* any land that if developed would impact out wetlands and aquaculture~~
- * all coastal wetlands
- * all shoreline areas along the Withlacoochee
- * near state and federal lands
- * acre for acre when they are developed for industry or homes

RESIDENTIAL DENSITY

What areas of Levy County should be targeted for higher residential densities (residential lots of one acre or less)?

* None (11 responses) * Existing cities/incorporated towns (5 responses)

Outside or Near existing municipalities (11 responses) as follows:

- * outside or near the existing municipalities (7 responses)
- * around larger cities
- * already developed inland towns
- * MSD's
- * areas that already have higher residential densities
- * Only where there is existing one acre or less available. No large parcel should be split into less than 2 acre lots
- * should not allow lots of less than 1.5 acres

Infrastructure Related:

- * urban areas that already possess infrastructure
- * only areas with sufficient paved roads, natural drainage and preferably near existing municipalities
- * near roads utilized most by trucks
- * concentrated where police and fire protection is most available.
- * those areas where market area is shown

Specific municipalities/areas:

- * just those areas immediately in or adjacent to current municipalities of Bronson,
- * Chiefland (6 responses) and Fanning Springs
- * Williston (3 responses)
- * Bronson (4 responses)
- * North of Chiefland and east of Chiefland, away from the springs.
- * US 27 corridor between Williston and Bronson
- * Extreme western portion of County
- * rural areas off of C.R. 335
- * S.E. corner of County
- * none
- * this should not be too regimented
- * eastern Inglis with stricter appearance codes

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

What areas of Levy County should be targeted for industrial development?

- * None- unless they do not pollute the air or water
- * none (7 responses)
- * no heavy industry
- * None- too sensitive of land, no soil to filter contaminant out before reach aquifer
- * only around areas where it is now

- * Limit to “clean” industries and few of those
- * Distant from residential areas existing today
- * something that is environmentally friendly
- * depends on type of development
- * rural areas away from recreation, parks and rivers
- * takes it when we can get it, within reason of course. There should be some kind of limits. Why does a farm community need much industrial anyway?

Specific Locations

- *only incorporated towns
- *MSD's
- *areas with least impact on environment and real estate values
- *where infrastructure is existing
- * rural areas with access to highways (not environmentally sensitive or water quality areas)
- *industrial parks
- * Levy County should develop an industrial park with access roads from north to south way from natural resources
- * midway between 2 cities
- * Chiefland (5 responses)
- * Chiefland Industrial Center
- * Williston Airport Area (2 responses)
- * Fanning Springs along U.S. 19

- * Williston (5 responses)
- * Bronson (4 responses)
- * Hwy 19
- * Northeast Levy County
- * Hwy. 19 north of Inglis

ROADS

Please list any roads that need to be improved (widened, paved, turn lanes, remove curves etc.) in Levy County.

- * State Highway 24 from Bronson to Archer
- * State Road 24 from Bronson to Alachua County; 32B
- * S.R. 24 should be widened to allow vehicles to pass without the threat of going off the road (between Otter Creek and Cedar Key)
- * S.R. 24- too narrow and rapidly deteriorating- Otter Creek to Cedar Key.
- * S.R. 24 from Bronson to Archer should be 4 lanes
- * S.R. 24 has poor drainage in several areas between Otter Creek and Cypress Station creating danger from hydroplaning when roads are wet
- * S.R. 24

- * U.S. 19 south has roadway drainage problems
- * Hwy 27 north and south should be 4-laned

- * Alternate 27 turn to C32 going north from Bronson on C32 from 27A; 40A in Inglis;
C.R. 339 has pot holes
- * US 27A through Bronson- remove roadside parking

- * C.R 341 north of Hwy. 19
- * County Road 333, needs repaving
- * C.R. 316
- * sidewalks on C.R. 320 from Chiefland to Manatee Springs
- * C.R. 345- County portion is deteriorating rapidly and there is no effort to keep shoulders clean.
- * S.R. 345 widened from Chiefland to S.R. 24
- *C.R. 318

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- * Pave 140th from 27A to 316
 - * Old Fannin should ban semi-trucks and only have stop signs on road coming on to it and not have stop signs on Fannin Road itself
 - * More paved access paths to bike trail
 - * N.E. 140th Avenue to 316 needs to be paved
 - * None
 - * Deadman's curve- Chiefland (2 responses)
 - * Need to pave: N.E. 112th Ave; N.E. 75th Street; N.E. 115th Ave.; N.E. 74th Lane (all off

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

What areas of Levy County should be targeted for commercial development?

- * Limit to center and fringe areas of existing cities - MSD's
- * within existing city limits (6 responses)
- * any place near town where there is adequate parking and safe access
- * Nowhere
- * areas in and near population centers MSD's
- * MSD's (2 responses)
- * within existing commercial nodes - REN
- * off highways- develop pods with landscaping

Specific Locations:

- * Chiefland area (9 responses)- makes the most sense geographically- the hub of the County
- * Chiefland * Chiefland- Hwy. 19; S.R. 26- Fanning Springs to Trenton; S.R. 129 to Trenton
- * revitalization of downtown Chiefland
- * U.S. 19 area Chiefland north
- * Fanning Springs on U.S. 19
- * Williston (5 responses)
- * Bronson (5 responses)
- * the commercial nodes that outline the County - REN
- * HWY 27, 121, 41
- * Williston Airport area (2 responses)
- * along main roads (U.S. 27, S.R. 19)
- * C.R. 335
- * U.S. 27 A Bronson to Marion County
- * US 27 between Williston and Bronson
- * U.S. 41 south of Williston
- * some areas are targeted for commercial that don't have any reason for being that way- maybe the owners are wanting to build businesses later in the rural commercial nodes.
- * depends on type of development
- * Cedar Key
- * only areas that can support recreational tourism (2 responses)
- * areas around where it is already
- * the town area where there are abandoned buildings, closed up buildings, gives the town

- a run-down look
- * shopping center in Inglis
 - * Hwy. 19 north of Inglis

- * Deadman's curve
- * areas of denser population
- * within MSD's
- * S.R. 121 and 326- dangerous
- * Highway 19 and C.R. 341 in Chiefland
- * Court Street and U.S. 27 A needs a traffic light and pedestrian access
- * Court Street and S.R.24- traffic light and intersection improvements
- * U.S. 19 between 341 and 320
- * Andee Road
- * all intersections on 27A signs need to be more visible
- * corner of 337 and 121 on 337 south side needs fixing
- * all at grade intersections on 27A need to be more visible (signs)
- * 326/121 traffic signal and turn lanes
- * 337- N.E. 60th Street can't see turn off at night
- *337/ 27A intersection, can't see signal there very well (street light needed). Reflectors on road edges needed where exiting 27 A.
- * NA
- * realign intersection of S.R. 121 and U.S.27/41 coming from Gainesville. All intersections of anything except 90 degrees should be considered for re-alignment
- * CR 337 and 27A in Bronson coming into Bronson from the south may need a traffic light.
- * CR 326 and 121, traffic or caution light needed
- * CR 326 and 41
- * Hwy. 40 and U.S. 19- very cluttered intersection (2 responses)
- * Hwy. 24 and U.S. 19
- * slow traffic on U.S. 19 through Inglis

- of C.R. 335)
- * Pave S.E. 114th Ave. and arteries in Steeplechase Farms, other less valued subdivision have already been paved in the surrounding area.
- * 95th Ave. and 80th Ave.
- * none
- * S.E. 150th Ave. and main road into Ocala Highlands West. Also, C.R. 316 from S.R. 41 through the dog leg.
- * S.E. 130th Street (paving), CR 316; CR 337- repaving traffic light Hwy. 326 and 121
- * S.E. section of 121 and 25th and 26th Streets
- * Pave S.E. 150th Ave. from 464 to County line road
- * need turn lanes off Hwy. 19 going north from Chiefland at 173rd Place and N.W. 172nd Lane, entrance to Silver Oaks.
- * Ocala Highlands West work has been done on 218 and the road entering from 464 the entrance road from 464 needs trees and shrubs cut away so road will be wider, very hard to pass someone. Pleased with the work so far.
- * S.E. 160th Ave., 13 households now occupy road, road can't handle the load
- * 106 Court, 107 Court, 117 Terr. Need to improve roads that haven't been done by County for years and years. Some roads have grown up and land owners have closed them.
- * N.E. 105th Street, N.E. 106th Court, N.E. 109th Street, N.E. 105th Ave. (south of N.E. 109th Street)
- * Cedar Key: 1st Street, G Street, Gulf Blvd., Dock St.
- * Bridges- 2- on Guld Blvd. in Cedar Key towards airport are badly in need of repair
- * county roads in Cedar Key need to be cleaned and paved
- * Pave roads in Cason Acres (Inglis)
- * Casson Acres, Debra Street- especially

- * Levy County does a pretty good job of maintaining the roads in the County

Please list any intersections that need to be improved (sight distance, realign, widen, signage, signalization, etc) in Levy County.

- * Intersection County Road 326 and Highway 27
- * State Highway 24 at C.R. 347 and C.R. 345
- * 2 stop lights north of Wal Mart- angle of intersection should be changed or removed- too many accidents
- * S.R. 26 coming into Fanning should be able to go left turn but now not accessible
- * U.S. 19 needs stop lights at several corners, ex. 167th Place and U.S. 19.
- * a stop light is needed in front of the Levy County Building Department
- * signage needed at C.R. 337 and 326
- * Intersection of U.S. 19 and C.R. 341- alignment is very dangerous
- * U.S. 121 and C.R. 336 @ U.S. 19 intersection (121 assumes they have right of way even with stop signs in place).
C.R. 326 and S.R. 121- very dangerous- needs traffic light
(Alt 27 in Williston near the BP)