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6/11/2024 18:37	Family	Growth	Exploring Marion County	Night life	Beautiful place	32134
6/11/2024 18:40	Open space	Too dense	Additional retail choices	Library	Additional roads to avoid congestion	34482
6/11/2024 19:45	farms, safe, quiet	traffic, finances, growth	FPA, building moratorium	youth/adult entertainment, affordable housing	increase impact fees, recycle garbage, process horse waste, eliminate food deserts, architectural them for county, complete financial review, private airport overlay district, algae removal from waters, Charter County - (right to recall, in district voting only, salary caps on elected officials), eliminate subsidies to CEP, Geographical moratorium on overstressed roads (200 Corridor), more environmental protection, no kill shelters, no 20 year tax, no school tax, term limits - 2 terms max.	34479
6/11/2024 20:09	People	Crime, traffic, taxes	Slowing down all the massive apartment complexes	Traffic enforcement, new or better roads, little or no growth management	Need better growth planning, stop all the huge apartment complexes. Little to none traffic enforcement, need better road maintenance and new roads	34471
6/11/2024 21:03	Small Friendly town	Infrastructure, apartments and big businesses	Arts	Walk ability and open spaces	Slow the growth of car washes and dollar generals and dollar trees	34482
6/11/2024 21:12	Rural quality	Rapid growth	Very little	air service	Rapid growth is killing this county. Traffic is becoming insufferable and our infrastructure cannot cope with the massive number of newcomers.	34471
6/11/2024 23:14	Not much anymore.	Lack of infrastructure. Over developed	Not much any more.	BOCC acting for the best of people	Our roads are currently very crowded and in poor condition. Yet new developments are continually being approved. We do not have the infrastructure for all of the new developments. I read BOCC stated they cannot turn them down, it was my understanding this would apply IF we had the roads , fire, police etc to support. We do not!! Please do not turn us into Orlando!!! Please be honest and upfront about why you are really approving developments that are decimating our green areas in the county. Can't be Horse Capital if we no longer have horse farms. Also who approved WEC without advising the people of Marion County?	34482
6/12/2024 3:32	I value the nature and country setting	Way way way too many new apartments, HOA communities , homes that are so close together, all the trees getting tore down for vacant businesses....the traffic is insane! Our once peaceful rides have turned into roads of terror.	New businesseswa	Affordable business establishments for small business owners	I am a small business owner with a family. I work in the OTOW area. In the salon I work, we hear many stories of elderly people who are so sad that they can't live peacefully like they planned.They can't get into their doctors . They are afraid to drive on the roads.And as a mom or 2 teenage daughters, I am afraid to have them drive here too.There is no space for all these people.The apartments are over taking the beautiful farm land.There are no homes on land available at an affordable cost..The cost of living is high and we can't charge more for our services because people here are on fixed incomes.The farms and land that everyone moved here to live within are disappearing. Traffic is insane.So many people are sad and upset with what is happening.So many people want to move and can't. There is nothing affordable here to move into the countryside.It impossible for locals to afford anything. Franchises are over taking...mom and pop shops are getting forced to shut down. It's terrible.	34473

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6/12/2024 5:15	Privacy, good community	Exponential growth	Business opportunities	Better family entertainment	I think providing better museums and artistic areas would benefit the community. Another good idea is to look into the housing market in Ocala and see how we could make more affordable renting options for young couples. I am 20 my fiancé is 19 and we're getting married next year and it's been very difficult for us to find suitable housing because of the high renting rates and low wages being offered in the community based on the level of Education that we have we can only obtain jobs that pay minimal amount based on our qualifications. Adding additional options for younger married couples would be beneficial so we could reinvest back into the community and add vibrancy. I would also love to see more aesthetically appealing parks. I do like the parks that we have now but I think there's things we can do to improve it such as adding Splash areas for younger kids and larger play areas and not a small confined space for kids.	34480
6/12/2024 9:04	Rural environment	Local government is clueless	Not much	Conservation, sustainable infrastructure	And how about some road repair	34480
6/12/2024 11:11	Open spaces, farm land, small town	Over crowding, losing the small town feel, lack of crucial proper planning	Slowing down the growth	Infrastructure to support the growth that has already been built	Stop approving more housing and additional growth downtown. THERE IS NO PARKING DOWNTOWN. Schools, police, fire, rescue, etc. are not growing to accommodate the growth you have already approved!	34471
6/12/2024 12:06	Space, rural environment	Explosive growth, lost hometown feel	Residents have a voice	Decent internet and cell service	Free parking downtown to enjoy they area	32667
6/12/2024 12:14	Country atmosphere	Uncontrolled growth/sprawl	Healthy economy	Public horse riding complex	Expand neighborhood parks for NW Marion County- most are concentrated east of I75	34482
6/12/2024 13:21	lower cost of living	Overdevelopment, public transportation, cost of living	Moving away from the overdevelopment that is happening now	transportation, employment with livable wages, restaurants/shops	SW appears to have zero planning, just plopping apartments/storage facilities/car washes wherever... its ugly down here, nothing quaint or homey; becoming overdeveloped and crowded; no longer a pleasure living here; lack of good retail, dining, and entertainment.	34481
6/12/2024 13:30	Safety	roads, economy, jobs	growth	high paying jobs	Marion needs a large high-quality venue for large traveling shows like Iff-broadway, concerts etc. Large enough to draw crowds from surrounding cities. The airport needs commercial/regional airlines	34474
6/12/2024 17:56	The great outdoors	Urban sprawl	Parks and trails	Walk-ability	Great trail systems used regularly, please do not take any away.	34471
6/12/2024 18:00	Affordable, friendly, safe	Affordability	Opportunity for my Kids	Affordable housing for the working class	We need housing for the people who work here. Not every development needs amenities. Amenities are great but having a home I can afford for my kids is much more important than a pool, dog park or playground.	34472
6/12/2024 18:59	Community growth	Traffic, public safety	More smaller communities	Intentional neighborhoods	Make communities more compact and intentional	34474
6/12/2024 21:52	Relationships in the last 62 years. Our small horse community.	Overpopulation and traffic.	Nothing, at this point.	Green space for wildlife.	We believe the builders need to residents of Marion county and lived her for at least 30 years. I hate that I can not respond none to any of the above planned areas. That's why we are no longer a small horse community.	34481
6/13/2024 12:59	Nature, convenience	Fewer trees, over development, cost of living	Nature	More pedestrian space-sidewalks	None	34480
6/14/2024 1:45	Horses	Congested Roads	Nothing	Better schools	Road work	34480
6/14/2024 16:42	small town lifestyle	over building and crowded roads	ecotourism	adequate roads and infrastructure	Overcrowding of roads is my biggest concern.	34432
6/14/2024 16:51	Rural lifestyle	Too much building roads are too crowded	Ecotourism	Weak Sheriff	If a builder builds a house require him to contribute toward additional roads and schools to offset the overall cost	34432

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6/15/2024 17:24	The space	Better paying jobs	New amenities	Sustainable infrastructure, employment	There's a sever lack of mass transit that connects the county. Areas like reddick and such are so disconnected from the rest of the county which impairs the resources afforded to the areas. Balance must be struck while adding more transitoptionneithout eliminating green spaces and playgrounds so youth and families have places to congregate.	32686
6/16/2024 1:49	Community, family, value	Safety, enrichment, environment	Education, positive growth	Accessibility, sidewalks, land protection	Everything is concentrated into one area needs to be spread out into other areas of the county	34473
6/18/2024 20:45	quiet National Forest.	numerous Developments traffic	youth focus environment	maintenance of roads	1-3 words in the section above? Really? Developers are changing the landscape of Marion County forever. Housing is not affordable for young families building a career or just out of college. There needs to be a change in leadership that focuses on the environmental impacts Developers are causing to our County. We are no longer horse country to the small farmers, we are becoming development/subdivision country.	34488
6/19/2024 21:02	Open space, trees.	NONSTOP DEVELOPMENT	nice place to live	OPEN SPACE	I reside in Marion County which is experiencing an explosion in development. The unchecked growth in Marion County and the state of Florida is going to ruin the Quality of Life here. County Commissioners just rubber stamp whatever developers want to do. This happens over and over and over again despite overwheming opposition from the voters who put these County Commissioners into Office. As any area gets more populated, its infrastructure bumps up against its carrying capacity. Police forces, roads, hospitals, and schools no longer satisfy the demands of a growing population. Farmland and forests are sacrificed to strip malls and housing developments. And eventually growth no longer lowers the average cost of services, but instead raises it. When this point is reached, population growth increases the tax burden on communities; the revenue brought in by new growth is outweighed by the costs it creates. We need a moratorium on development.	34481
6/19/2024 22:00	Privacy, low noise, bucolic and uncrowded environment,	Over development.	Nothing, we're doomed.	Wildlife corridors.	The County Commission is turning this county into Orlando. The rapid expansion in low quality housing and the destruction of green spaces and farmland/ranch land is unconscionable. The roads, schools and public safety are already beyond capacity. The County Commission ignores existing zoning regulations, it's own planning staff and approves building in the Farmland Preservation Area, which is supposed to be sacrosanct.	34431
6/20/2024 14:57	L:ocationto shopping, etc.	Increased traffic on already congested roads.	Potential for major events	suitable infrastructure, bike-ability, walk-ability	It would be nice to have a "destination spot" in Marion County now that Wild Waters is gone and Silver Springs is basically just a park. We need an indoor concert venue that draws people in to Marion County. If the penny sales tax passes (hopefully), visitors will be spending money here and paying into this fund. The World Equestrian Center is nice, but with the many other events going on there, it's not really an ideal spot for a major concert venue.	34480

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6/21/2024 14:15	Natural areas, less congested	Loss of trees and natural resources, increased traffic	Potential	Event spaces	All of these elements are necessary to have a thriving community	32134
6/21/2024 15:31	The Natural Elements	Infrastructure	Responsible Growth	Mixed use development with shops and restaurants	Sustainable growth with keeping in harmony with the natural surroundings and shared environments with nature.	34432
6/21/2024 18:05	Rural, quiet, safe	Traffic, road condition, travel time	growing, new people, more commercial options	walkability, infrastructure, parks	N/A	34432
6/21/2024 18:32	Quiet. Walkable. Safe.	Not enough management	Diversity and growth	Multimodal transportation options	Find more opportunities for creating activity hubs of multiple uses and as destinations	34471
6/24/2024 22:33	The natural environment, the equine industry, springs and more. It's nice to have nearby shopping but would like that contained.	lived in Osceola county for 30+ years, sadly watched sprawl of unplanned and thoughtless development. Development may be inevitable but must be well planned. We don't want to be just another Over crowded, over developed county.	Horse Farms Forever as a valued partner	Small contained village type locations. No strip malls more like the Spanish district in the villages	I just visited the Spanish town center in the villages. It's well thought out contained and very cozy. It has everything one needs in entertainment and retail and is so much better than putting up random strip malls. Maybe you should take a look.	34482
6/25/2024 14:15	rural area/horse farms; convenience; weather	overdevelopment; too many humans/not enough horses; crime	potential for charming rural lifestyle	public transportation; mixed-use residential/commercial development; connection between horse people and regular residents	The county needs to do a better job of preserving the green spaces and horse farms even within the UGB. Just because it's in the UGB doesn't mean the residents there, especially those with horse properties, want to live in an urban area. The awful boondoggle of SW 60th Avenue is a clear example; don't do the same thing to NW 70th/80th Avenue please. If development must occur, use extensive sign and buffering restrictions to hide the retail/housing behind horse fencing, plantings and KEEP the mature trees already in place. Not everything has to look like the awfulness of SR 200. Look at the Town of Cary's (NC) sign restrictions and traffic control elements and learn from it. Also, more walk-able and bike-able areas are needed; get more cars OFF the road.	34481
6/26/2024 0:12	Beautiful land w 200-year old live oak trees	Destroying live oak trees, water	Concerned	Keeping live oak trees	Please stop!!! Ocala will look like south Florida if we do not have stronger commissioners that will stand up against construction lobby and \$\$	34482
6/27/2024 12:51	Quiet and affordable	Apartments, multi family complexes	Employment opportunities	Activities for families	Would love to see more areas pop up that are kid/toddler friendly.	34420
6/28/2024 8:35	Sense of community	Mental health / homelessness	Opportunities for growth	Civic center / event venue	I would like to see PSAs throughout the County to create a sense of place and community in pockets that allow people living nearby to access goods and services without the need to travel into the City of Ocala.	34471
6/28/2024 9:27	Proximity to everything	Schools traffic overcrowding	Opportunities for tourist development	Entertainment venues	It mixed use venue similar to celebration point in Gainesville would be a huge asset to the residence of Marion County, as well as tourist visiting Marion County that includes all of the Spaces listed above.	34474
6/29/2024 14:42	Safety, entertainment, community	Infrastructure, housing costs	Downtown Ocala	Outdoor entertainment venues, shuttle service	None	34481
6/29/2024 15:40	Conservatives, traditional values, and retirement	School board corruption	Bucees	Costco	NA	34481
6/29/2024 16:33	Safety, undeveloped land	Overpopulation, overdevelopment	Open spaces	Walk-ability, bike-ability	I am concerned that roads and schools are inadequate to support the fast growth of housing. There are many dirt roads in the county that should be repaired and/or paved.	34476
6/30/2024 2:47	Safety	Traffic	Growth	Improved internet/tv	Please continue keeping taxes low, especially property taxes.	34481
7/1/2024 0:14	Rural country	Lack of infrastructure	Stable economy	Broadband hi-speed	None	34482
7/1/2024 14:52	Peace and security	support growth with growing public infrastructure and services, KEEP UP!	the arrival of new and better businesses	bridges over I-75, major highway improvements and widening	nothing	34481

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7/2/2024 15:54	Farmland, trees, parks	Overdevelopment, traffic	Sidewalks/Walking trails	Public transportation	I am concerned that the commission does not have the foresight for the growth they are approving, as roads are a significant problem, but there does not seem to be a plan on how to maintain them. It appears that there is too much reliance on developers, who build as cheaply as possible, and then the county is stuck with the results. But putting the expense on the people in the subdivisions and not taking into account the damage that garbage trucks, delivery trucks (FEDEX, UPS, Amazon) is not fair to the citizens. For example, SE 31st street was expanded to 4 lanes less than 20 years ago, and it has already been repaved after significant patching was done. CR 464 (Maricamp road) needs to be repaved again. Many people in Marion County moved here because it was undeveloped, and it is becoming more and more like Hillsborough and Broward counties.	34471
7/3/2024 3:04	Warm weather	Overbuilding without infrastructure. Supply of water ,sewer, and electricity	???	Roads to carry traffic needs	?	34481
7/3/2024 18:56	Recreation	Blight	Redevelopment	Sports	Community	34471
7/5/2024 22:51	Nature, less populated	Destruction, overpopulation, building	Keeping natural resources	More protected lands	Marion County does not need to become a concrete jungle like New York City. Please do not let this happen.	34432
7/6/2024 10:59	Ocala National Forest	Over population	trails, road repairs	Downtown free parking	Please paint over the graffiti at Baseline trailhead at 464 Maricamp road underpass and check for gang related night time hang outs there. Potholes on Marion County roads seem excessive. SE 1st Street road is always sprouting new potholes. Wish we could have a shared trail or sidewalk on this road that connects to hwy 314 Silver Springs-Marshall swamp trail. Marshall swamp trail needs maintenance on boardwalks. We don't go downtown because of lack of parking. I think the hotel was a mistake and that land should have been green space. Missing old Ocala 🐾.	34488
7/6/2024 14:35	Not sure anymore	Population poor planning	Nothing	Roads infrastructure	We have enough of this and enough people living here. Infrastructure needs to catch up. The growth needs to stop.	34491
7/6/2024 15:17	Rural, nature, low density.	Sprawl.	Nothing good.	Preserving rural areas.	Stop the insane sprawl.	34482
7/6/2024 15:47	Central location	Roads	Growth and new businesses	Retail, family spaces	It would be nice to have several downtown like areas	34480
7/6/2024 17:16	Open space & farms.	Over building of residential homes. Traffic.	Expansion of existing roadways & NOT any toll roads going through neighborhoods.	Parking for downtown area.	Please help to keep Marion County a special place without over building.	34482
7/6/2024 17:20	I valued it being a small and safe town not congested close to nature	That it will turn into another Orlando or Tampa. It's gotten too crowded. Roads unsafe. Infrastructure can't keep up with growth - schools, healthcare.	I see what's taking place and am saddened for Marion County's future	Public places to swim	Please stop advertising moving to Marion County. There are banners on Broadway in NY advertising to move to Marion County. The wooded area and field where I played as a child was recently leveled by a big corporate developer. No trees left. Poorly built houses planned where your neighbor is on top of you. Marion County wants to be advertised as the "horse capital," but the irony is the farms are disappearing and apartments, stores, gas stations and car washes fill the space. Please preserve try to preserve what made Marion County special - small, safe, nature, quieter pace of life.	34472
7/6/2024 17:39	Beautiful farm land	Over population	Keeping farms alive	Farmers markets	Parks	34482
7/6/2024 18:12	horse country	loss of horse farms	like having WEC	open space with horse trails	need to keep open space, treed areas and protecting wildlife	34482

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7/6/2024 18:18	The country side	Growth	Small town business	Employment opportunities	Ocala is growing to fast and our roads are terrible. Safety of our town by ways of homeless people and drugs, and most of all all the illegal peoples crossing our borders.	34482
7/6/2024 18:26	Rural environment	Over built, too many subdivisions, infrastructure not keeping up.nothing at th	Nothing at the moment. More concerned with rapid population growth.	Intelligent planning.	Try to control the amount of growth here. Including distribution centers, gas stations and car washes. Improve out libraries and arts.	34482
7/6/2024 18:46	Open spaces, equestrian	Unplanned hasty development	Community	Parks	Please do not turn Marion County into Lakewood Ranch.	34482
7/6/2024 18:51	The farms	Development	The farms	Better roadways	Na	34482
7/6/2024 18:55	Affordable living	Uncontrolled growth/sprawl	Opportunities	Small public arenas/parks for open community use	Palm Beach County has a very successful parks program that includes multiple horse parks for day use spread throughout the county.	34482
7/6/2024 19:54	Parks-entertainment-restaurants	Traffic	? Haven't heard anything	Leisure activities like baseball	We need more right turn lanes. More multi purpose lanes so people can rum/walk bike on them. Need more restaurants on SW end. Need a community swimming pool. Wish we had a minor league baseball team.	34481
7/6/2024 20:26	History, community, safety	History, community, safety	Positive change	More Anthony history in the museum	Help with the Anthony Community Park	32617
7/6/2024 20:49	Rural, less commercial	Overbuilding	Keeping openspace	Larger animal shelter	Please leave Ocala as rural / ranch country as possible. Stop building out all the open space.	34482
7/6/2024 21:53	Rural nature, horse friendly	Over development, traffic	Farm land preservation	Senior services, transportation outside city of Ocala	Limit developments like Calesa.	34482
7/6/2024 21:59	accessibility	infrastructure	Equestrian expansion	more parks	Developed green spaces with walking trails and dogs allowed	34474
7/6/2024 22:41	Rural setting	Over-development	Nothing	Safeguarding wild spaces	No more development!	34482
7/6/2024 23:44	horses	crowded. traffic.	possible changes	term limits/Commissioners	If we don't have term limits for the Commissioners, they will stay forever and change won't happen. The way it is run now, the candidate with the most signs (most \$\$) wins.	34482
7/7/2024 1:04	Safety, beautiful horse properties	Over expansion	Keeping it the same, slowing down growth	Conservation	Want growth to slow down.	34482
7/7/2024 3:33	Woods, quiet, rural	Overdevelopment, loss of wildlife habitat, and loss of natural resources	Nothing	Nature preserves, parks, and wildlife refuges	Stop developers from clear cutting wooded lots. The lots should have trees replanted or curate the trees there, you don't need to cut them all down.	34473
7/7/2024 10:52	The springs, land and space for horses and farms	Over building and over populated	People willing to get invokved	Bike-ability	No additional comments	34482
7/7/2024 13:39	Small town feel, lots of farms in the area.	Overdevelopment, lack of infrastructure, loss of farms	Nothing. We are becoming like Orlando	Support for preserving the farmland and preventing sprawl	We are quickly losing what makes Marion County special. Over the past 10 years I've seen a major loss of horse farms, increased urban sprawl and lack of growth planning with an overabundance of housing developments approved, lack of infrastructure to support those developments and lack of concern for our natural resources and the natural beauty of the county. We are selling out to developers and are headed down a dangerous path.	34432
7/7/2024 14:10	The beautiful countryside	Population growth, development	Raising my family	Conservation of open lands	No more car washes!! We are facing a water crisis and are losing so much of our green open space that we are losing what makes Marion County not Orlando.	32686
7/7/2024 20:45	Trees, open space, the greenway	Sprawl, strip shopping centers, and inadequate roads.	Parks and protected green space	Walk-ability, in-fill development, lack of neighborhood comprehensive plans	I am not sure of what the ranking of the stars means for this question. L	34476
7/8/2024 12:30	Peace and quiet and the park across the street and the farms	Urban sprawl	Keeping the country country	An airport that can be used by more than private planes	STOP urban sprawl	32667
7/8/2024 23:57	Open spaces	Too many people	Small town feel	Sidewalks	We can have all of these things in compact walkable area? Makes little sense. Is this a good question?	34471
7/9/2024 14:45	SAFETY, ROADS, LIGHTING	SAFETY, TOO MUCH GROWTH TOO QUICKLY	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	AFFODRABLE HOUSING	NONE	34488
7/9/2024 14:58	home, pleasant, beauty	population, housing, roads	parks, springs, events	safety, beautification	na	34479
7/9/2024 15:08	small town atmosphere	growth/traffic	conservative	walk & bike ability	none	34472
7/9/2024 20:13	affordability	conservation	growth	entertainment	None	34470

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7/9/2024 21:47	Quiet and rural	Development without planning	Opportunity	Easy public transportation	Marion County needs to pay proper attention to its smaller communities like Citra that could be poised for future development but don't want to lose their rural charm.	32113
7/9/2024 22:17	trees, native plants and animals	the destruction of nature for parking lots and suburban houses. No trees	Not much, unless we start preserving nature and adding alternative transportation	Alternative transit - sidewalks, busses, and protected bicycle lanes	Developments need to stop being built without any regard for infrastructure. People have to travel 30 mins by car to get groceries or go to a park. We need to mix nature into our city/town designs to cool the temperature down. We need to follow the advice of the Strong Towns movement.	34480
7/9/2024 23:24	Growth potential	Growth without an upgrade in quality of life (ie, good restaurants-NOT chain restaurants, no commercial airport, limited cultural activities, lack of tree shade on sidewalks, etc.)	Potential	A grocery store in Marion Oaks	I'd like to see more exotic ethnic restaurants like Persian, Ethiopian, etc.	34473
7/9/2024 23:54	Sense of community	Over crowding	More stores & restaurants	More things to do (concert halls, outdoor festivals)	None	34473
7/10/2024 0:02	decent winter weather	Not enough industry.	Leaving.	Minor league team. Lack of development around Swim complex.	If you are planning on adding these PSA's. I hope the security arrangements are going to be taken care of as well. Violent place, Marion County. Amphitheaters would be a good idea-music does sooth the savage beast.	34491
7/10/2024 0:17	Affordable housing, jobs, safety	Affordable housing	Employment opportunities	Walk-ability, pedestrian trails, bicycle infrastructure	Sidewalks and mass transit for the elderly and/or non-drivers is essential.	34491
7/10/2024 1:33	Tranquility and good environment	Traffic volume, sprawling, and connectivity	Protection of natural and environmental resources.	Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, mixed-use development, and sustainable infrastructure	It would be beneficial for Marion County, as a first measure, to evaluate improvement in connectivity options for current residents to the Planned Service Area. Implementing alternative modes of transportation can greatly help ease traffic in the area. Along with good, effective, and safe bike and pedestrian infrastructure that guarantees the safety and well-being of its residents. Implementing mixed use development is a good direction to take in order to provide its residents with mobility options and services at a relatively close proximity from the residential areas to the PSA. Marion County is a great candidate to create third places within the PSA for more community engagement for those who are looking for a more social environment, and considering it's highest demographic to be elderly people and retirees. I also find important the conservation of our natural surroundings and protecting our community from sprawling and concentrating a diverse range of housing styles around.	34473
7/10/2024 1:46	Greenspace and horse farms	Traffic and overdeveloped	Fixing traffic issues	Walking spaces	Please stop allowing so many new developments and taking away all the farms. Please fix traffic issues 66th to 475. We need another I-75 ramp between 484 and 66th.	34473
7/10/2024 2:55	Safety	Keeping up with growth	Not too much	More for children	More family related activities away from the Square and on the Southeast side of Marion County.	34488
7/10/2024 10:26	History	lack of concern for youth	Not much	Safety for children	More community spaces and services needed for Youth in Marion county and in our failing schools.	32617
7/10/2024 19:27	Horses, Rural, Community	Too much growth	New business	Employment opportunities	I'd like to see our Rural areas stay rural. There seems to be a lot of proposed and already implemented zoning changes. Growth is good but too much or inappropriately placed will destroy the reasons everyone wants to come to Marion County.	32617
7/10/2024 20:28	Access to nature/outdoor activities	Loss of natural areas	More parks/paved trails	Sidewalks connecting areas	There are distinct sections of the community cut off from others due to lack of sidewalk and paved trail infrastructure.	34472
7/10/2024 20:29	rural quiet / access to Ocala	lack of planning	greenspaces	dogparks southern cty	I do not have additional comments	34491
7/10/2024 20:48	Quite neighborhood	Uncontrolled growth zoning	Well planned growth	Listening to Citizens	Arts in spite of the Governor	34470

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7/10/2024 21:04	Clam cool living	Too many people	New opportunities	Police in Summerfield	Nothing	34491
7/10/2024 21:11	Suburban life	Unmanaged building combinations	Our New Neighbors	Costco	Please build with shared lot ways. Save turns on and off public busy roads. Also, Right Turn Lanes!	34476
7/10/2024 21:13	Natural resources, nature, low cost of housing.	Lack of big commercial development for real jobs. Crime rates.	Hope that the community is heard.	Real employment opportunities. Not service industry.	Focus needs to be on safety and jobs. Not on downtown and green spaces.	32179
7/10/2024 21:16	Peaceful and convenient location.	Current infrastructure needs to improve drastically.	Convenience.	NA	NA	34420
7/10/2024 21:21	Cheap	Too many people	Selling	Bikepaths and sidewalks	Why?	34480
7/10/2024 21:22	Peace and Quiet	School Taxes	Growth	Minor League Baseball	Concerned re housing/apartment density versus road infrastructure High speed internet choices (currently only have Decca internet as an option)	34476
7/10/2024 21:23	Affordability, Surroundings	Too much build up, and traffic.	Keeping natural beauty	Infrastructure	The infrastructure should be where the most resources are allocated, If you continue to use up the land for this resource what will you do in the future.	34473
7/10/2024 21:25	Not much anymore. I used to love it here.	Traffic, overpopulation, losing the small town feel, just another Orlando or Miami.	Nothing. We are concerning moving.	We need more farmers markets, a Publix in Marion Oaks, more grant funding for non profit organizations.	Stop building houses and apartments in already populated areas. Focus on making the SW and the rest of Ocala special and unique with farmers markets, festivals, an non profit organizations to help the communities in the SW (or other areas).	34473
7/10/2024 21:25	Community	Schools	Small business growth	Employment opportunity	I believe our beautiful downtown square should continue to focus on the arts and small business while keeping the small town charm. And we desperately need to revamp Silver Springs Boulevard to give a more prosperous image of our city	34470
7/10/2024 21:27	Quiet, activities	Overcrowding	Expanded family activities	Bellevue main street	Bellevue needs attention, restaurants, sportsplex park improvements, addition of "Main Street" area. Marion county road infrastructure to handle increased traffic	34420
7/10/2024 21:29	Open fields	Poor planning	Potential for growth	Walk ability	Poor planning with too many car washes and ugly apartment houses. Nothing is cohesive. All just drop, buy and build	34481
7/10/2024 21:30	Location to places I need to go. Walking home from school. Friends near.	Roads, congestion, cost of living	Growth of opportunities	Youth sports complex	The new pool in Caleda is great. We need something like that for youth sports including soccer and football.	34480
7/10/2024 21:33	Natural environment, unincorporated	Crime, taxes, water quality	Preservation, environment, community health	Senior citizen centers, park in south city	Government is continually trying to move people creating concentrations of densely populated areas in cities like ours. That is not necessary.	34476
7/10/2024 21:54	My school district	Drugs increasing	Land availability	Family activities	I would like to see the mass transit increased and the times run later for movies, shopping or working citizens that don't own a vehicle.	34471
7/10/2024 21:58	Quiet Rural living	Urban sprawl	Nothing	Quality roads	Need developers be responsible for infrastructure.	32667 n marion
7/10/2024 23:21	Quiet and safe neighborhood	Traffic, crime, & poor infrastructure	New shopping & entertainment options	Large indoor venue (arena or stage)	Having more options for entertainment and shopping keeps us from having to travel to Orlando or Gainesville.	34480
7/10/2024 23:27	Green grass & trees	Overpopulation apartments traffic	Not a thing	Lack of caring	Marion county is being destroyed by the commissioners who only see \$ signs. Look at the horrendous U Haul building on 200 . It's already rusting on the foundation. It's an eyesore. Who approved all the 3 floor tenements? Yes the apartments! They are horrid and the fire department will have no room to get up to the buildings! These tenements have no green space for people living there. The police will be busy! Plus who can afford the rents as they will put in section 8. The traffic will eventually be horrendous and the commissioners have done nothing for roads. I plan on moving. Yes commissioners you are doing an excellent job on destroying Ocala!!	34481

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7/10/2024 23:33	Rural living	Dirt roads need asphalt	Hopeful growing economy	Paved roads	The Rolling Hills neighborhood (between SR40 on the north, CR484 on the south, 140th Ave on the west, and 120th Ave on the east) is growing to the point where the dirt roads should begin getting paved.	34432
7/11/2024 0:27	Friendly neighbors	Not having fun things around	More splash pads for the kiddos	More big chain stores in Citra	Wrigley fields would benefit from a small splash pad. Having a fast food or a walmart on the highways would be great due to the high traffic.	32113
7/11/2024 0:44	Born an raised	Growth road environment	Nothing	More parks. Saving our environment	Marion county needs to get with dot a make turning lanes to keep the traffic following. 441 is a nightmare. And then you approved a wawa on 441 se don't we have enough gas station and car washes. We don't need a dollar general every 5 miles either.. and what has happened to keeping marion county beautiful our roads are full of garbage you can't even keep up with mowing the roads.. my family has been here since the 1940s growing up here was so beautiful.. now it's a eye sore every where you look.. good luck on saving this county I hope you try hard to find a way..	34420
7/11/2024 0:46	Rural Setting, Agricultural	Overpopulation, Over Building	Nothing, overpopulated	Conservation of land and open spaces	This area is an Agricultural area and will remain that way. The way of life here is what the occupants of it want and the farmland preservation shall remain.	32617
7/11/2024 1:01	Rural lifestyle	Overbuilding, crowded roads	The ability to keep rural atmosphere	The ability to say no to developers	If you're going to build subdivisions, you need to have the road to support them in the schools to support them.	34420
7/11/2024 3:08	Springs, horses and centrally located	Growth of equestrian center being too much for the city to handle	Ocala downtown Xmas lights	More shopping malls	I am concerned about the monkeys in silver springs,	34470
7/11/2024 9:26	Nature quiet river	Overcrowding traffic multifamily developments	Protecting farms and green spaces	Dunnellon downtown area	Love the beautiful farmland forest areas and green spaces	34432
7/11/2024 10:22	Away from the crowds/major stores	Too crowd/ brings to many crimes	Well established and saved community	Grocery stores are in need to be close by our community such as Aldi, Publix, Bravo, walk parks, etc	It is great you need our input on this project. Thank you	34473
7/11/2024 12:12	Open spaces	Uncontrollable urban growth	The Farmland Preservation Area	Culture of conservation.	For there to be horses, there must be horse farms.	34482
7/11/2024 12:17	opportunity, economy, growth	timid	opportunities, growth, sunshine	sports complex	NA	34471
7/11/2024 12:26	Rural life	loss of rural	nonthing	open spaces	Ocala is growing very rapidly; neighborhood parks are more practical so that residents do not have to travel so far to enjoy the outdoor.	32134
7/11/2024 12:33	Horse Farms	Urban sprawl	Business growth	Road repair	I think we have a lot of these assets already in place in Marion County in the City of Ocala.	32686
7/11/2024 12:35	The natural beauty	Over population	Equine opportunities	Serious environmental protection	Contriving and limiting growth is the only way to protect what's left of our quality of life	34420
7/11/2024 12:36	Safety, Environment, Preserving our horsefarms	Excessive development, along with all the crime that is happening here in Marion County.	Nothing right now, due to all the massive development that is going on.	With all the development that is going on, I'm not sure we have all the services necessary to continue this way to include schools, water use, hospitals, etc.	I live on 3 acres in Summerfield, and there was a land use change on an 18 acre parcel down the street from me, I was tired of hearing all the new developments wanting to go in and all they kept saying is "this is the way The Villages" does it, well all of Marion County is not "The Villages", the development going in were not 55+ communities, I hate to see all that is happening here in Marion County, we need to slow down, take a breath before we completely loose what we have here as a community.	34491
7/11/2024 12:41	Natural beauty. Peace	Rate of growth	Community protecting growth	I75 expansion	Stop allowing so much building development. Protect our unique green spaces. No more housing developments! Road infrastructure is choked. Crime is increasing. Slow down PLEASE	34471

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7/11/2024 12:46	rural, farms, quiet	conurbation, traffic, pollution	more horse farms	conservation, walk-ability, parks	PSA should have been the primary option 10 years ago before allowing developers to rezone, which created urban sprawl and traffic in once rural/AG areas. Nevertheless, incentivizing developers to create PSAs around/in downtown Ocala would be a win-win. Also, blighted areas that have already existing infrastructure would benefit from developers creating PSAs (in lieu of single-family homes packed together on former farmland). Note - I am a realtor, and my clients are turned off by the SW area of the county because the houses lack yards, are crammed together, and lack trees/nature areas. This has lowered demand when housing inventory is historically high (2,700 unsold homes in Marion County today), causing home prices to decrease. Please prioritize preserving farms and rural areas - that is the #1 reason why people live here.	34475
7/11/2024 12:47	rural-open-land	wildlife, education, water	conservation, no-build, refurb	more recharge parks	improving lives, include health services, mental, physical well being, safety and protection. Become a city that leads the way...	34481
7/11/2024 12:47	Pastures Horses Farms	Growth Crime Crowding	GROWTH RESTRICTIONS	Public transportation	Just STOP building!!! If I wanted to live in a stinking, congested city, I would move to Orlando.	34420
7/11/2024 12:51	Old Florida feel- farms, historic buildings, bike trails and SPRINGS!!!	Losing forest land and faster moving traffic	SPRINGS	conservation minded leaders	please keep the Villages out of Marion county. I would rather see highrise concentrations for affordable housing with many trees, than multiple homes denuded of live oaks	34431
7/11/2024 12:52	quality country living and river access	excess growth without matching infrastructure	ability to have quality country living	Impact fees on developers to help pay for required infrastructure... had them back before the recession	Robust storm resistant utilities - Duke Energy is slacking in vegetation control in the county	32113
7/11/2024 12:53	Open spaces, Farmland	Uncontrollable Development, Traffic.	Preserving open spaces	Commercial Airport.	We have to prioritize the attraction of Marion County is the inland location, wonderful natural soil and Farmland, open spaces, peaceful environment. Growth is good, but has to be controlled.	34482
7/11/2024 12:55	Horse farms	Overgrowth	Preservation	High quality healthcare	No	34482
7/11/2024 12:55	Rural and farmland preservation area	Rural sprawl, not keeping development in and around the cities. No growth on revenue generating utilities	Job growth	An arena or concert space	School board and public schools in marion county are horrible	32113
7/11/2024 12:56	The ag community and beauty	housing projects	Nothing	Planning for growth before we grow	We are going to lose our farms. This scares me.	34482
7/11/2024 13:17	Horses and farms	Too much concrete, too many trees coming down	Equitourism, next generation learning about horses	A major equine learning facility for hands on opportunities not a college but an all ages equine center for learning equine careers	Horses Lots of horses	32134
7/11/2024 13:18	FL Natural beauty	FL overcrowding	FL nothing	FL respect forland	Water usage at this level cannot continue	32195
7/11/2024 13:23	nature and relatively little population- horses	sprawl and overdevelopment	possibility to control growth	swimming pool open year round on east side	moving around for people who do not drive (young, old, handicapped)	32134
7/11/2024 13:40	Farms, horses, livestock	Traffic, horrible roads, over development of homes and warehouses that sit empty	Nothing. It's a disaster	Impact fees for developers	We have too much crap housing, empty warehouses and low level jobs. We need middle management jobs, centered in the urban areas not rural. All accessible by mass transit and housing available close to work	34479
7/11/2024 13:50	Wide open spaces	It will get over built ,the roads are already crowded and dangerous	I like the expansion of horse facilities	Commissions don't listen to the public ,the developers have all the say	Sadly I can't see us staying here,it's changed so much in the last 14 years ,not a place to grow old in	34481
7/11/2024 13:57	Rural lifestyle	Development and expense	Mostly concerned about land encroachment and expense	We need more trails open only for horses	None	32113-2742
7/11/2024 14:04	Quiet country, wildlife	Urban sprawl, water	Preservation of country	Adequate roads	Need long term plan to pave all existing dirt roads outside of Ocala National Forest. May require overhaul of tax code to make sure ALL residents share equally the cost of maintenance.	32179

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7/11/2024 14:36	Rural	Sprawl	Controlled Growth	Quality roads	301/441 high speed truck traffic is horrible. Roads need attention.	32113
7/11/2024 14:49	Horses and Springs	Out of control growth and total lack of CONCURRENCY in planning - i.e county, city, other municipalities and school system; failure to abide by established standards; arbitrarily changing/amending growth boundaries.	Enhanced environmental awareness	Neighborhood coalitions.	In creating walkable spaces/communities, it is essential that access to amenities such as green grocers, etc. are "walkable" or else it defeats the purpose of clustered development with ample green spaces and the necessary retail and cultural amenities to support such PSAs - of course, depending on location as well...access to viable mass transit again for access beyond boundaries of PSA is critical as is educating the public toward use of mass transit and away from auto dependency...	34471
7/11/2024 15:02	Rural feel, oaks, horses	development overrunning farmland	Ability to maintain rural feel and enjoy natural resources	Amenities at existing trailheads, parks	None	34482
7/11/2024 15:16	Hometown Feel	Government Control	Growth is good	sustainable infrastructure developer	Growth is inevitable. Yes we all would love to go back to the way it USED to be however that will NEVER happen and to think it can be is just not smart. Our community needs development and growth but we cant allow it to push out the hometown residents who were born here and grew up here. We don't need government to control what we can do with our own properties, however, when a developer purchases there should be infrastructure pushed back on them as to lessen the costs of the county. The growth has been what has allowed Marion County to expand and not be completely behind the eight ball. We have been called SLOCALA for too long. We are trying to control the majority of the population, land owners, off just a few. We are also allowing individuals who came here because they didn't like where they lived and the controls, to then want to bring those same things here, however they don't reside here full time.	32617
7/11/2024 15:21	Being rural	Over development no infrastructure	Staying to our roots	No planning for infrastructure	When you plan these huge new housing areas at least no a better job on road infrastructure. Is it also necessary to take all of the old growth trees down?	32113
7/11/2024 15:26	The peace. It's quiet, spacious and scenic. Clean air.	Overcrowding pushed us out of our previous home in swfl. We don't want to see that here too	Keeping tradition of what Marion county has been for a long time.	Family activity areas	Keep it beautiful and peaceful here	Moving to Reddick this year
7/11/2024 15:51	Quiet and safety	Same quiet and safety	Music and Shows	All the above	None	34473
7/11/2024 16:01	rural, quiet horses	too crowded!	nothing	more conservation parks	I came here vs Wellington because I liked the rural feel and open land and less crowded. its getting horrible around here, traffic crime, prices just not the nice place it was	32668
7/11/2024 16:17	Nothing	Government Control	Growth	Growth Infrastructure	The growth is coming whether we like or not. It is how we handle the growth that matters. Our residents who have been born and raised should not be penalized in any manner as a result of this growth so the comprehensive plan should consider this when considering restricting their rights. Developers and Transplants should be those who pay more to implement the infrastructure that is need as a result of this growth. It is not to develop changes that effect land owner rights but those who are trying to infringe upon them as this is what our county officials have been elected to do.	32617
7/11/2024 16:21	green space	overdevelopment, traffic	winter	living wages	none	32686
7/11/2024 16:39	Open spaces, TREES, Natural	Clear cutting property and exploting natural resources	Not sure-we are losing our farms to high bidders	Neighborhoods that link together with parks, nature trails etc	Enhance and appreciate what we already have with open space parks and recreation-not man made like a water park!!	32686
7/11/2024 16:51	Close to services	congestion and traffic	Clean water focus	growth structure	N/A	34471

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7/11/2024 18:40	Rural character	Loss of contiguous land parcels	Living there	Public walking paths	Housing density allows for more open space.	34482
7/11/2024 18:42	Trees and space	Sprawl	Farm land preservation	Clean lakes	Stop county commissioners from making zoning changes to satisfy developers. When we're out of room they can go elsewhere. Marion County is quickly losing its charm and identity.	32663
7/11/2024 20:21	Peaceful cenery	Elimination open land	EAR survey	Farm/Skilled trade education	Please protect farm areas and support the development of farms.	32686
7/11/2024 20:32	Rural, quiet, scenic	Congestion, crime, sprawl	Preservation, farms, nature	Cafe's, shops, Naturopathy	I'm so sad to see zero-lot-line housing being allowed in Marion County! There should be more types of housing that allow for average income earners with families to own a home on property not less than 3/4 acre. Communities should be beautiful, not congested & not cookie cutter. And something has to be done with the ridiculous notion that a roof needs to be replaced after 12 years! Bring in coffee shops other than Starbucks Please! Help mom& pop businesses find their niche here; shops, food service & services. And any large corporation should pay for their electricity & utilities ;slightly discounted but no freebies! And please someone tell me how weeks that need monthly used ice calls and chlorine are beneficial to the springs /aquifers? Chlorine is highly toxic! I say., ban glyphosate & other pfoa's from being used /sold in this county for pest control & fertilizers that will protect our water supply! Chlorine is the wrong answer. Make the square beautiful again! The Hilton is UGLY!	32667
7/11/2024 20:44	beautiful pastures with horses	Over population and excessive development	our beautiful horses	planned growth focusing on preserving our horse farms and springs	There needs to be consensus between all the entities in our community to include city, county, CEP, VCB, FTBOA, MCPS, our healthcare system, law enforcement and more to come up with a plan for ALL future growth.	34482
7/11/2024 20:48	Safety, friendliness, accessibility	Affordability	Growth, jobs,	Mass transit, recreational activities	Would love to see the train come back through here as a form of mass transit. Also, more shopping/dining so we wouldn't have to go to Orlando or Gainesville.	34471
7/11/2024 21:31	Land	Over "development" (land loss)	Land conservation	Land conservation	The only thing that should matter to anyone in Florida right now is LAND CONSERVATION. That's it. That's all. That's the entire focus. Enough of the over "development" (destruction). I'll say it again in case I wasn't clear, LAND CONSERVATION. Fuck the greedy evil "developers" (destroyers).	33128
7/11/2024 21:55	open spaces	Roberts	industrial grothh	FL	stop changing rules to allow roberts to do whatever they want	34482
7/11/2024 22:24	Fresh air, clean water	Overpopulated density	Excites? Or concerns?	Respect. Overdevelopment moratorium.	Enough already. Maintain, disapprove continued overpopulating of Ocala/Marion.	32113
7/11/2024 22:28	Horses, nature, springs	loss of family feeling of a small town, loss of mom and pop businesses, attacks on FPA by outside businesses	Lifting all up economically, more diversity, more choices of restaurants/shopping	CURB APPEAL, quaint walkways, gardens, water features like fountains, waterfalls and more shaded areas to enjoy our downtown and city	#NAME?	34474
7/11/2024 22:36	Charm	Uncontrolled growth	Controlling growth, traffic	Growth management	We need to stop all the mega apartment complexes, they are everywhere and not being regulated. Traffic is insane and no plan for all the unbridled growth. County leaders need to tell the developers to hold off on any additional projects until the infrastructure can catch up. Need some form of traffic law enforcement.	34471
7/11/2024 23:06	More horses than people present	Liquidating farms and replacement with subdivisions and multifamily dwellings	Finer optics internet for then entire county	Plastic surgery center	It would be nice to give incentives for equestrian-related programs and businesses, both national & international, to relocate or open offices in Ocala. This would ensure the horse capital of the world would remain such.	32111
7/11/2024 23:20	Rural nature	Over development	Horse Capital of the World	Public transportation	Preserve farmland	34482

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7/11/2024 23:54	The Greenway	Overcrowding . Lack of water .	Poor . Concrete jungle . Looking to move north .	Building control .	To. Many new gas stations and car washes .	34476
7/12/2024 0:29	Horse friendly	Overpopulation	Farmland preservation	Planning	Stop encouraging growth. Ruining everything we love here.	34420
7/12/2024 0:54	Horse farms, but close to everything	Schools, property taxes, crime	More opportunities	Better schools	Allow more affordable housing and rv living Get rid of the current county commisioners	34482
7/12/2024 1:25	small town feel	to much development	the fight within to keep it somewhat rural	conservation	We need infrastructure and less homes with no yard. Large lot homes fine, but these massive cookie cutter lennar neighborhoods need to stop. It's ruining the "horse capital " county.	34479
7/12/2024 1:30	It was the fields, pastures and woods that drew me here.	Over development, crime, prices of homes.	I'm here for the horses	Affordable land	Please stop with the development..... the traffic is horrendous, the restaurants and stores are overcrowded..... I miss the Ocala from 25 years ago when 200 was lined with horse farms.	34476
7/12/2024 2:27	horse farms and services	urban development/traffic	better roads	parks conservation	no comments	34479
7/12/2024 2:37	Horse farms	Development	Nothing only concerned	Culture	Stop destroying what makes people move here in the first place. Don't develop in the wrong areas. to meet you, prioritize, green space and horse farms, and realize how lucky we are to have the Greenway here.	34476
7/12/2024 2:45	Horses, farms, springs	Over development	Nothing	Transparency	It's shameful how iconic horse farms (Tartan, Mockingbird Stud, Bonnie Heath to name a few) already have been or will be bulldozed to make room for multiple housing developments. The horse farm protection area needs to go farther and encompass MORE farms, training centers, etc. I've lived in both horse "capitals" in the U.S., Ocala and Lexington, KY. Both have challenges as far as population growth. Ocala can self proclaim to be the horse capital of the world, but the thing that's missing is the horse, the farms and their history is NOT respected and embraced the way it is in Lexington. I fear these things will one day be a faded memory. I think WEC is beautiful and brings sophistication to Ocala, but it's a thin veil. Housing needs to STAY within designated urban areas and needs to be mixed use in order to maximize use of space, keep building costs lower. Build up, not out. Conveniences close to population centers decreases the need for travel and thus, additional roads.	34432
7/12/2024 4:35	Safe, scenic, amenities	Infrastructure, overdevelopment, crime	Unsure	Sufficient infrastructure/roads	Complete the northern section of SW 49th Ave from 66th St to the flyover ASAP. This would provide relief for SR200 and 27th Ave. Especially needed when the new elementary school opens next year. Require developers to contribute more to upgrade the roads they are impacting or deny their projects. Protect the Marion County lifestyle. Don't allow us to become Orlando North.	34476
7/12/2024 5:44	Peace and quiet	Unfettered development	Voting out all of the current commissioners	Nothing there is already too much here	Stop building car washes and gas stations. Also mass housing is not the answer without the infrastructure for more people. Fire, Police, School, Roads	34479
7/12/2024 10:38	Hiking and parks	Poorly planned new construction	More diversity of population	Nothing	None	34481
7/12/2024 12:48	Beauty,people,nature	Uncontrolled growth	Land conservationFPA	FPA education center	Preservation of rural lands plus road infrastructure to meet current use.	32667
7/12/2024 12:59	I used to enjoy the slow pace	The enormous amount of apartments being built	Not taking seniors homes away	Infrastructure Non existent.	There needs to be more mass transportation in Ocala	34474

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7/12/2024 13:31	Beautiful country roads ♥	GROWTH AND TOO EXPENSIVE	Our beautiful ocala national forest	More Handicapped fishing Areas ♿	Please finish the project you started when the bridge over the Oklawaha river off of 314 Sharpsferle bridge. The bike path from SR40 TO BASELINE RD. And there was going to be a fishing area on the bridge. Plus make it Handicapped assessable. Thank you	34488
7/12/2024 13:52	Quiet, beautiful, no suburban neighborhoods in immediate vicinity (mostly farms).	Don't want 34482 to turn into a bunch of suburban neighborhoods	Lifestyle upgrades (restaurants, shopping, etc.)	Don't know	N/A	34482
7/12/2024 14:23	Conservative Community	Sustainability	preserving natural resources	Baseball team	None	34471
7/12/2024 16:41	Nature	Overpopulation and nature	More nature acitivities	More grocery stores	We love nature and that is way our family moved to Ocala.	34472
7/12/2024 17:18	Library, trees, nice people	Overcrowding, traffic, poor road care	Nothing	Patio homes for downsizing seniors	None	34432
7/12/2024 17:20	Our public resources.	Right wing extremism.	Expanding our libraries.	Third spaces.	We need more civic spaces for political organization among people who aren't just white conservative Christians.	34480
7/12/2024 17:42	Country and nature settings of area	Balance of Growth	Life work balance	Better & More Restaurants	Too many Apartments are being developed in my area	34481
7/12/2024 18:26	nature wildlife quite	Loosing nature..to many people.	Nothing...	I hate all of it..	Please stop building and tearing the nature down.. we are the nature coast.. where do the animals go when you take everything they know away.	34442
7/12/2024 19:03	Peaceful county roads	to much traffic	New shopping options	roads that works well	We need more schools and better traffic distribution.	32686
7/12/2024 19:42	Horse Country, Bike Trails, the wild nature	small businesses thriving and growth of the local population	the beautification of the downtown communities	bike lanes, safer bike-ability of 441 and surrounding areas	please put more trees in when building roads, businesses and neighborhoods, it encourages safer communities!	34476
7/12/2024 20:51	quality of living	over development	I'm not sure hopefully it doesn't change too much.	Expanded library hours	I would like to see the library have extended hours and Sunday hours.	34420
7/12/2024 21:26	All the lovely trees and horse farms	overbuilding homes , infrastructure not prepared.	Not excited , I'm afraid crime will go up	bicycle infrastructure, walk-ability, bike-ability, employment opportunities, sustainable infrastructure	Progressive entertainment, restaurants	34476
7/12/2024 21:34	Outdoors, springs, farms.	conservative politics	preserving our natural resources	bike lanes and side walks	No additional comments.	34480
7/13/2024 0:08	Over development, Infrastructure for already over developed areas and high school populations	Over development, infrastructure of roads, high school populations	What is left of the nature and country areas of the county	Higher paying jobs for the amount of rent/mortgage payments	Emergency services must be struggling with the amount of accidents we endure daily within the county with the horrible roads we have. A lot of roads are 1 lane each side and traffic is horrible. Better planning and infrastructure should have been a priority prior to the approve button on so many developments. That is why you will probably see a NO on the 20yr 1% tax from your residents. Why push 20? That will affect our children and grandchildren. Seems pretty greedy when you expect 20 years! And the school system herding 28-30 elementary schools into 7-8 high schools ridiculous. As a county we haven't built a new high school in 20 years! However, how many new developments have we approved and even let one out of building another high school.	34473
7/13/2024 1:02	It's quiet	Traffic	Public activities and shopping	Airport, bus service	We need our roads fixed	34476
7/13/2024 2:28	rural, quiet, safe	truck centers, urban sprawl, unchecked growth	horses, redevelopment potential	urban redevelopment, less carwashes	more job oppertunites in medicine, education, more regulations on big building projects. Tax incentives for redevelopment & tax penalties for new non single family home builds. Better development of the old downtown (keep more historic charm). NO MORE TRUCK CENTERS, no more car washes. Lure in sustainable jobs like higher education campuses, medical centers, corporate headquarters, etc... Not jobs like warehouses (Fed ex +) that can be automated. More school funding!!!!	34482
7/13/2024 11:42	Green spaces	Too much growth	Protecting farms	Growth control and direction for future	Growing too fast without a plan. Comprehensive plan should be like an instruction manual for future. Instead it's easily changeable and holds zero value	34479
7/13/2024 11:58	Scenic beauty	Overcrowding	Preservation	Better public transportation	Traffic is a significant concern.	34483
7/13/2024 12:26	Convenient location	Water availability	Equine industry	Reliable internet	Opportunity for non horse residents to learn about horses and their economic importance to Marion County	34482

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7/13/2024 13:39	Open spaces	Unbridled growth	Little growth	Free the Ocklawaha	A healthy environment is most important. Remove the Rodman dam, unite the Ocklawaha, Silver and St. Johns rivers to increase environment health and recreation opportunities.	32640
7/13/2024 14:46	Magnificent tree canopies	Overpopulation, light pollution	New state governor	Affordable accessible healthcare	<p>We need: More affordable spay and neuter facilities and advertising of them. We are overwhelmed with abandoned and neglected animals.</p> <p>Basic income guarantees for mothers so they can stay home with their young children. Some single fathers may also need this assistance. Children do not belong in care facilities. Care facilities are detrimental to the healthy development of our children.</p> <p>More police on busy roads to deal with dangerous drivers. I don't know when last I saw police officers on Ocala roads.</p> <p>Ban fireworks. This community has thousands of creatures, domestic and wild, that are terrified and disoriented by the noise that goes on for hours, sometimes days.</p> <p>Promote more protection and respect for our men and women whose work keeps them outdoors. Shade, breaks and hydration are essential for them.</p> <p>Thank you for providing this survey.</p>	34476
7/13/2024 14:50	Rural feel, quietness	Crime, traffic, jobs	Keeping farmland, stop building	More variety in retail	<p>Need more access to big retail and restaurants in Marion Oaks since it's growing so fast. No need to have to go to 200 for everything when there's enough people to support and want more options. Stop building gas stations and car washes on every corner.</p> <p>Make shopping more accessible in Marion Oaks. Also need more options of Medical and Dental facilities and eye doctors.</p>	34473
7/13/2024 20:31	The horse farms	The loss of open spaces & horse farms	Nothing.	All the above	It seems that housing and commercial development have had a unrestrained growth for the past decade in SW Marion, with the necessary infrastructure, be it roads, parks, fire, police, libraries, schools, and maintenance of same, have not kept up with the need and lack the funding to provide them in a timely manner.	34476
7/13/2024 21:27	Rural vs city lifestyle	Traffic, crime and having enough food	More entertainment venues	Lack of planning	None	34482

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7/13/2024 23:48	Middle of state	Too much growth	Home values up	Waterpark outdoor shopping	Walking, biking, golf cart roads, & more public transportation in the shores. I would love to bike to work but roads are too dangerous & bike lane is too small, plus sidewalks are right through peoples driveways so you can not use them since everyone is parked on it. Better walking and biking and public transportation would save ppl from having to drive every where. Get these large semis and dump trucks off these small neighborhood roads. Would like to be able to own and operate legally a golf cart also in the shores (juniper) area to drive to neighbors and work . turn lanes on baseline! You can not safely turn off of baseline without fear of being rear-ended plus it backs up traffic, maybe an Ocala bypass, waterpark for everyone. SHADE! lots of recreation spaces with some indoor spaces. Restaurants in shores area, lighting Raise the taxes for everyone to help pay for it all! WE NEED INFRASTRUCTURE! Stop being cheap! Tired of having to travel out of county to enjoy finer living!	34480
7/14/2024 1:39	Open Quiet Safe	Overdeveloped Crowded Pollutes	Open Quiet Safe	Infrastructure Planning Parks	Stop the "spot zoning" that only benefits developers. Institute impact fees. Require developers to pay for the traffic and public infrastructure required to support the housing. Build more schools at developer's costs. Get rid of CDDs. Focus on being the Horse Capital of the World.	34474
7/14/2024 3:16	I like the countryside	The worst school all here in Marion County, We need pavement on dirt roads, a lot of traffic, a lot of trash on roads	Nothing	A big shopping mall would be great	There are nothing to do, we have to drive to Orlando o Tampa to shopping malls and for entertainment	34432
7/14/2024 10:04	country living	to much traffic	keeping our integrity	community involvement	Traffic circles should be considered	32696
7/14/2024 11:59	Springs, natural resources	Infrastructure, law enforcement, senior services	Natural resources, controlled growth	Better employment opportunities	I would like to see more road improvement and changing some roads to county designation for improvement. I would also like to see more services for seniors and handicapped persons.	34491
7/14/2024 15:52	Beautiful and safe	Traffic	Growth!	More public parks	Marion County is a beautiful place to call home. It seems that what has been planned over time is serving well. I would like for the growth to continue to be well managed as we move forward.	34481
7/14/2024 21:56	Convenience to Dr, shopping, and services	Traffic, schools	Improvements to schools and infrastructure	Main Street areas. Swim areas	Sw Ocala needs a planned " main st" area with town square feeling. Mixed shops and restaurants, entertainment areas, good parking. Walkable	34481
7/14/2024 22:52	Rural arra	Too many non-working people, too much building, not nearly enough infrastructure. Farmland being bought up and turned into housing and taking away what make Ocala desirable-rural horse country.	Nothing	Infrastructure, ability to safely get places without fighting terrible traffic.	Quit building cheaply built houses and apartments. Use the empty malls and strip malls instead. They are an eyesore and should either be torn down or repurposed. Too many people here feeding off the taxpayers.	34488
7/14/2024 23:37	Horse Farms, Equestrian Sport, Nature (Springs & Trails), Historic Downtown	Thoughtless sprawl; plan good density within urban growth boundary and keep rural horse farms, agricultural, parks so that future generations can enjoy the unique quality of life here; do not allow Marion County to become Orlando; no to sprawl/traffic	Vibrant blend of best of nature, top equestrian sport and lifestyle combined with family friendly community that is diverse with arts, community friendly downtown and lots of nature for outdoor recreation	Commerical thoroughbred race track for public enjoyment of horse sport	Density & lovely, well designed PSA should be expanded within Urban Growth boundary; please keep Farm Land Preservation Area conserved and rural lands around Florida Horse Park, Greenway and Springs protected with clear step down zoning that doesn't allow incompatible uses next to farms or vital natural wildlife corridors and recreation areas.	34482

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7/15/2024 10:11	open space, horse farms, country setting	population growth and less and less green space	the hope that we can preserve some of the natural beauty of the area and not overdevelop as we have seen in other areas of Florida.	transportation system	I have lived in Marion County for 30 years. I have seen the expedient growth and now I feel the growth in terms of traffic and development. We need safer roads. We need more areas where people can walk and enjoy the outdoors like Shalom Park, Liberty Park, etc. I very much enjoy the Water Recharge Park and visit that location occasionally. As you know, once expansion take place, it is difficult to reclaim the space lost to commercial development. I am not against development, but just want growth to be contained in a way that it benefits all people with different agendas.	34481-5093
7/15/2024 12:48	Nature	Tasteless infrastructure, ugly buildings, spread out crap businesses all over, huge parking lots, just ugly to look at and live in	Nature activities	City center like European plazas	Look how other successful and great areas do it! Travel to Europe, get inspired and bring home some of the features.	34488
7/15/2024 13:26	The lack of people. I live in a protected land area.	That there will be an extreme amount of people here and nothing for anything for the preteens and teenagers and children to do	I was born here and honestly, I'm ready to move. I don't feel like there's a whole lot for me here.	There's nothing to do in Marion County other than go to the movies and walk around the mall. We need things for our kids to do and we have parents need to be able to have fun too. I'm spending thousands of dollars on nothing.	Why do all our roads look like crap and have potholes everywhere in them? Why can I not make a regular turn on a four-lane when I should be able to? I don't like only being forced to do turnaround on four lanes, I hate doing roundabouts in the middle of the road and to go down for King. You gotta do about five of them. Lights don't work properly here they put them up in the wrong places and you can't even see that the light is red or green until you get right up on the light. There is no traffic flow here. Y'all want the children to have education, but they're out doing bad things when they're young because there's no entertainment for them other than going to a trampoline park in the movies outdated rollerskating places that won't even go to anymore. There's no shade anywhere. There's no sidewalks or lights. Unless you're directly in the city, there's no light.	34488
7/15/2024 13:33	open space and farmlands	Controlling growth	Preserving Farmlands	Sustainable Infrastructure	Thank you for allowing the opportunity for citizens to provide input	34482
7/15/2024 13:46	Agricultural Community Lifestyle	development - overdone...lowers quality of life for those already here	not excited.... concerned unless leaders show us what the plan is	schools... sub par... we deserve better, kids do	not so keen on these planned PSA's... trying to have it all... housing, parks, restaurants, museums... just focus on making new housing development less of a burden on the existing infrastructure... roads, parks and schools	34482
7/15/2024 14:46	Peaceful Small Town	Unfettered Growth	Nothing	Conservation of Land	Most of the questions asked need more than 1-3 words to answer. The developers, commissioners, and city planners have ruined this county. They are destroying the "Horse Capitol" of the world to fill their personal wallets.	34432
7/15/2024 15:39	Small town atmosphere	Unregulated Development	More infrastructure planned	Conservation	Keep the small town feel	34432
7/15/2024 15:46	Peace, easiness	very fast growing	fast growing	public transportation	Have a proposal for the County. In terms of a segment of the population, and its growth, and their input.	34472
7/15/2024 16:28	security, community	too much growth	Spending time at springs, parks	nothing. I believe it has everything.	We have all of the above! We dont need mass transit.	34479
7/15/2024 17:55	The beauty and nature	Unsustainable overdevelopment and traffic	Not much	Public transportation	Public transportation is only available to a small section of the county and many senior citizens and young people are not able to get to places for entertainment, employment or medical visits.	34473
7/15/2024 18:33	Safety and freedom	Extream growth	Planners who Care	Quality Education	At the current rate of growth in Marion County, It is nearly impossible to keep up with the necessary infrastructure, i.e. roads, schools, medical, facilities, etc, to support this growth. If left unchecked, every reason that newcomers move here and native residents want to live here will have vanished.	34481

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7/15/2024 18:44	Weather, Small Town feel	Traffic, too much building	Not much	Good roads, green space	Marion Co. especially SW Marion is over building. There are strip shopping buildings that have sat empty for over 5 years, not enough businesses to fill those strip mall stores. State Road 200/College Rd is dangerous, so much traffic because of all the Apartments, Condos, and Rental communities popping up all along SR 200! Ocala used to have a small town feel, not anymore. There are less people moving to FL than there was 2-3 years ago, I'm in fear of all those condos, Apartments, etc not being occupied and turning into run down pieces of crap buildings! I loved the small town feel, and I don't feel very safe downtown with the increase of crime in Marion Co. Sheriff Woods is awesome and he's trying very hard to bring down crime. Thank you for letting citizens lend our input. Thanks again.	34481
7/15/2024 19:27	Farmland preservation	Overdevelopment	Expanding and improving equine venues	Preserved greenspace	NA	32113
7/15/2024 20:01	Horse country and farms, smaller town feel,	Unchecked growth, lack of infrastructure	Possibility to do things right if the leaders so chose	Green space and good jobs	None	34481
7/15/2024 20:08	It's close to most things I want to do and my family lives close.	Traffic congestion	New locally owned restaurants.	walk-ability	We have a lot of apartment complexes going up and already congested streets on the SW leg of SR 200. We need to consider the traffic restraints in that already congested area.	34474
7/15/2024 20:26	Safe quiet farms	Too much development	Not sure	Infrastructure is lacking	There is too much development and too quickly for the area to handle the influx	34481
7/15/2024 21:00	Laid back life style. The tranquility that comes with living out of town.	The amount of people moving in and the amount of woods that are being taken to make was.	More big name businesses coming to the town.	Bike and walking trails that are safe to use	N/A	32134
7/15/2024 23:03	Safety	Traffic,uncontrolled growth	Exciting new events	Medical care essentials	Government needs to hear it's residents	34481 - 34450
7/15/2024 23:34	FLPeace an quiet	The input of citizens	Compliance with law	None that I know	I am encouraging our community's support of efforts to eliminate wokeism.	34481
7/16/2024 3:16	Safety beauty family	Negative changes and poor education of kids	Improvements to the roads and transportation	Safer major thoroughfares, I.e. 484 and I-75	I wish we had a larger arts community in SW Marion county. Everything is downtown or NE, or so it feels.	34473
7/16/2024 12:40	Not being in the city limits	Lack of affordable housing/multi-family housing.	More opportunities	public transportation	none	34482
7/16/2024 13:19	I value the small town feel. We feel like we are rural, but we are only minutes away from shopping, and towns.	The rising population. The need for more infrastructure. And the intersection of HWY 42 and SE 105th AVE....so many traffic accidents there	I hope that it retains its rural feel and that it can be the leader in sustainability	Mobile free clinic so that residents in rural areas can get health care.	I want a community center, so that neighbors can get together	34491
7/16/2024 13:53	my home is fully paid for	self serving elected government officials who ignore community needs	the hope that others see the morass of our leadership	NEWSPAPER	I would like to see more aggressive traffic enforcement	34471
7/16/2024 14:18	Farmland	population	preserving history conservation	conservation	Marion County is gowning to fast to keep up resources needed to keep the community safe.	32113
7/16/2024 14:20	vegetation, wildlife, peace	too much growth without proper planning of roads, schools and the preservation of the nature within our community	hopefully the commissioners will all be REPLACED	parks without homeless people, a sustainable infrastructure, trails of all kinds	I'd give housing a 0 if I could.	34471
7/16/2024 15:19	Rural, spacious	Cookie cutter houses going up all over	Nothing	Family activities. Infrastructure not keeping up with growth.	Marion County is growing too quickly and the infrastructure can not keep up. Roads are congested and unmaintained. There isn't enough retail or family activities to keep people occupied. Homes and complexes are popping up nonstop. Yet through all growth, we still need to travel to other metro areas to enjoy activities and amenities that Marion County does not offer. We could use a smaller theme park, a skating rink, even a better mall. The growth is starting to outweigh any benefits of living here.	34432

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7/16/2024 16:16	Open land, quiet	businesses being built	Green spaces	Pools for residents	Too many businesses being built on 484 without any thought to the residents that have to travel on that road. Total congestion. Even with current roadwork being done it doesn't fix the side roads like 20th ave. That has multiple businesses and possible apartments being built now that will enter this road just prior to it intersecting with 484. Accidents waiting to happen.	34473
7/16/2024 17:15	The Farmland Preservation Area	Overdevelopment and losing important farmland	WEC	Equestrian Trails	Marion county needs to do more to preserve it's equestrian heritage instead of constantly approving development that includes bulldozing over prime farmland to build zero lot line subdivisions, car washes, strip malls (when there are plenty of empty strip malls around), etc. The Farmland Preservation Area should have also included farmland in the SE portion of the county (Summerfield/Belleview) and around the Florida Horse Park. Horses are what put this county on the map and the equestrian lifestyle is what many are coming here for, but we now have to compete with unchecked suburban sprawl.	34482
7/16/2024 17:54	Low crime, friendly	lvergrowth	Nothing, poor planning	Children/family entertainment centers	Parks/outdoor spaces are numerous & beautiful & family friend cost-wise. Just need a few indoor facilities for preteen/teen/young adult. Suggest indoor go kart, rock climbing, laser tag	34473
7/16/2024 21:15	The quiet neighborhood and rural areas.	The roads and traffic.	Quiet and rural neighborhood.	A traffic light to exit and enter Rainbow Lakes Estates. Hwy 41 needs improvements from Dunnellon north to levy county. Hwy 40 improvements from Hwy 41 to Ocala.	The jobs in the Dunnellon area are very lacking.	34431
7/16/2024 22:40	Wildlife, trees, farms	Building apartments and homes	Cut the building	Farms and wildlife	They need to stop building apartments and homes and not correct the infrastructure	34481
7/16/2024 23:12	open space	Traffic	higher elevation from sea level	Public Transit	none	34472
7/16/2024 23:50	peace & quite	too many unpaved roads	more people = more \$ = better roads	nightlife with outdoor music & dancing	unpaved roads need to be paved where people pay property taxes	34488
7/17/2024 0:01	Country without businesses.	over development	protecting Farmland Preservation	bike-ability	Keep Marion County green	32667
7/17/2024 0:06	tree lined streets, walkability near downtown Ocala	lack of infrastructure and emergency services personnel	Ability to have both rural areas and urban centers. Commitment to remaining rural in some areas.	Parks in SW and NW Marion where growth is occurring rapidly	Adequate water, sewer and multi-use roadway infrastructure to support diverse industry and mix of housing types should be top priority in PSA. The elements listed above can be required in your LDCs or left market demand.	34471
7/17/2024 0:32	Privacy	Property taxes	Better restaurants	Old town mindset	None	32113
7/17/2024 0:49	farmland	population growth	Farmland	parks	Emergency services needs to be improved due to the high volume of people moving into the county every month. We cannot keep up with the demand right now.	32113
7/17/2024 2:20	Family	money and influence	citizen engagement	affordable housing	Mixed use developments are good in theory but do not significantly lower trips as they are intended	32617
7/17/2024 2:37	Use to be cheap	Can't afford your taxes	Moving to a more fiscally responsible county	Better road department	No more gas stations or car washes, stop neglecting the north end of the county or stop making my taxes like you are	32113
7/17/2024 11:31	small town feel	urban sprawl	downtown development	top golf	N/A	34471
7/17/2024 11:37	Not the city	Education, traffic, family	Growth, jobs, activities	Actives outside normal m-f work week	Activities that are available outside normal Monday through Friday work week.	34491
7/17/2024 12:08	Peace, beauty	Overdevelopment, degradation	Balanced rural/development	Walkability	I'm praying for God to give you wisdom like Solomon :)	34471
7/17/2024 13:13	tax climate conveniences	congestion, growth, infrastructure	nothing	parks	Infrastructure is struggling because of unparallel growth due to lack of foresight in Comprehensive Plan.	34481
7/17/2024 13:25	Country life	Growing too fast	Nothing	Respect of land	No additional comments.	32686

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7/17/2024 13:29	Country not urban	Over growth.	No more apartments.	Senior living homes.	Property taxes free for disabled veterans from Day 1 when they file NOT just the following year.	34473
7/17/2024 13:33	Unfortunately nothing, I'm stuck here.	EVERYTHING, Lack of law enforcement, county, illegal dumping, garbage, ignorant people, lack of common sense, crime, etc etc. Instead of southern hospitality it's become northern hostility.	It's very scary	All for one and one for all!	Too many people already. We're at each other's throats here too much traffic and crime	34472
7/17/2024 15:23	My mom lives here.	inequality, corruption, housing costs	Nothing exciting here	public transit, white collar jobs	dishonest government	34470
7/17/2024 15:31	Country feel	Infrastructure and uncontrolled growth	New blood hopefully in pkann8ng/zoning and county commissioners	Impact fees paid by developers	We need moratorium on building more homes and commercial until better infrastructure in place.	34481
7/17/2024 16:30	used to be quiet	too much growth	nothing	roads and schools not keeping up with other growth	The roads are not maintained. It takes 4 and 5 lights to go through traffic. keep building nothing done about roads or schools. schools have so many kids in classes kids get left behind or go undiagnosed if they have learning disabilities. houses built on top of each other taking away all of the farms.....	34482
7/17/2024 19:00	Peace and Quiet	Over population and over development	New opportunities for events	open space	None	34476
7/17/2024 19:18	The environment	Fast growth, inadequate roads	Protecting the environment	Enough public transportation	We need better roads and safe paths connecting the developments we have. Too much green space is disappearing to make way for housing.	34481
7/17/2024 19:29	Senior activities, overall active community.	Lack of Healthcare /doctors, nurses. Cost of living increasing.	More restaurants and retail	Paved bicycle trails and greenways	Funding for police and Deputies must stay consistent with growth	34481
7/17/2024 19:32	I feel safe here	Lack of major shops & dining	commercial growth	indoor mall	the Ocala Square needs a major redo, nothing to be proud of there	34481
7/17/2024 21:19	Quiet, Secure	Traffic, infrastructure, costs	Future business, restaurants	Shopping, need more restaurants on the west 200	We have to many car washes and storage units on west 200. We need more restaurants and better shopping on the west side.	34482
7/17/2024 21:58	Public outdoor spaces	Overcrowding without resources	Well planned growth	Premier outlet mall	The Shores would benefit from further development in multiple areas. There is large population growth and traffic is majorly limited by the congestion of Baseline and Maricamp. There is also a lack of restaurants and clean, safe shopping centers. Unless more money is put into the development of the area, we will continue to see crime and poverty increase.	34472
7/17/2024 22:05	Safety	Rising housing costs	Entertainment diversity	Interactive recreation (water park, etc.)	Na	34472
7/17/2024 23:05	design of community	traffic, need to widen roads for increased traffic.	low crime rate	golf cart access	Education has to be improved K-12 Better transportation that includes retirement communities Have a person that provides help on how to use the services of your different departments. For example some one to give probate instruction's, forms needed, examples of competed forms etc.	34481
7/18/2024 4:41	The horse farms	Population, Traffic, medical	Fear of over crowding.	Infrastructure, walk-ability , better shops & restaurants	Redeveloping farms to apartments causes over population with infrastructure, schools, traffic. We need more right turn lanes. We need better stores, better restaurants not fast food. It shouldn't take 30 minutes to drive 10 miles. Can the airports add commercial flights?	34481
7/18/2024 10:11	Peaceful, horses	Traffic, living costs	Rural preservation	Upscale grocery stores	More parks with horse trails, walking trails and kayak trails. No more warehouses or other businesses that only provide low wage jobs and traffic. Please expand I 75, including truck lanes, so our roads aren't full of people avoiding backups on 75.	34475

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7/18/2024 11:37	Beauty	Over building's new	Improved senior services	Open space it seems every piece of vacant land is being developed	My fear is that Marion county is going to end up with a large number of empty houses people just can't afford the cost of these homes	34481
7/18/2024 14:06	The Rural Feel	Over -population, Deforestation	Business improvements	A Dunnellon Town Square A few blocks to stroll.	Keep the Green. Nature is our greatest asset.	34432
7/18/2024 14:54	Farmland	Overcrowding	Maintaining farmland	Preservation of land	Please stop the housing building!	34481
7/18/2024 15:12	Land	Not enough doctors or school and kid's activities	New development	Playgrounds in Marion Oaks, kids activities, closer grocery's stores	Please plan for playgrounds/splash parks in Marion oaks as nothing is in this area as well as grocery like a neighborhood Walmart or even a Publix. We are very far from things like this in this area. Also to pick up garbage in the area.	34473
7/18/2024 17:36	Green space, horses	Co. commissioners, over-development	Growth control	Squares like the Villages	Southwest Ocala needs more restaurants and parks	34476
7/18/2024 20:09	Open land farms	Over chowing apartments	Unsure about future	Nothing	Reuse lots that have closed or rundown builds on them before clearing out a farm not with beautiful trees. Maybe provide incentives to used the previous used lots. Keep the restaurants and business most on 200. This contains the growth to an area.	34482
7/18/2024 20:15	Rural Lifestyle	Too much growth.	Preserving agricultural boundaries	Designated Calm Areas	We have too many zoning changes to please developers at the expense of existing residents. Please make more of an effort to slow down growth and preserve the character of The Horse Capitol of The World. Too many warehouses, apartment buildings, car washes, etc. are taking a toll the beauty that all our natural resources, agricultural and conservation lands provide.	34432
7/18/2024 20:22	Safety, beauty	overcrowded	retaining the beauty	sidewalks	Let's not lose what we came here for, the beauty and open spaces. I hope it does not become another concrete jungle.	34481
7/19/2024 0:58	Nature, trees, connectivity	Sprawl, heat-island, disconnect	Chance to grow properly	Music venues, walkable mixed use	Urban design and green infrastructure mixed use developments can help fight sprawl	34432
7/19/2024 9:15	physical security	population explosion	I got nothing.	more STEM education	none	34481-5551
7/19/2024 14:55	nature, trees	deforestation, roads, infrastructure	new opportunities	parks, venues, environmental awareness	Mass transit is great if it is convenient to use	32134
7/19/2024 15:43	Farmland Protection support	unrestricted incompatible growth	Support for farmlands	more zoning oversight	We need to protect our natural resources and farmlands. There needs to be more control over incompatible & unrestricted growth. Our current infrastructure is inadequate for so much housing, mainly multifamily developments. We must convey our fears over so much greed by developers, such as the recently defeated Race Track (329/441) and Jumbolair Expansion.	34479
7/19/2024 16:30	Community safety sheriff	Farm land being developed.	Community involvement. Citizens academy.	Preservation of farm land	No more apartments. There are already so many empty ones and they continue to add more.	34481
7/19/2024 18:55	clean living	Explosive uncontrolled Growth	major distribution hub	Logic in urban planning	Too many apartments built in western Marion not enough infrastructure to support the number of people	34481
7/19/2024 20:12	Wide open space	Actually the road infrastructure is really in need of expansion. Also the lack of sheriff's in the area. There's a large amount of individuals that text and drive. The major accidents is a very big problem and concern.	Business coming to Ocala	The Shores is missing out on growth and development of shopping and dining choices	No	34472

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7/19/2024 21:18	Nature, farms, small towns	Development impacts	Nothing right now	Conservation, co-exist with nature	Less concrete, more nature. Stop letting people name brand new neighborhoods Preserve. What are they preserving, aside from their own bank accounts, after they bulldoze and dig up multiple acres, smother the land in concrete and non-native landscaping, and leave nothing useful by "mother nature"? Not even any shade. Birds and such typically don't live in baby trees. Wildlife prefers mature trees to call home.	34472
7/20/2024 15:17	The open spaces. The farms.And the beauty of the area.	Losing our Thoroughbred farms.Being taken over by Roberts.	The winters.	The conservation of land.	All these years its been a standard of 10 acres in north marion.That needs to adhered too. The developers get the income ,the write offs and the taxpayer gets the higher taxes and congestion. Developement doesn't pay for itself.	32664
7/20/2024 17:55	My local library	Affordable housing and cost of living	Growth	Public Transportation	We need more public libraries.	34476
7/20/2024 19:15	Public libraries	Affordable housing options	New businesses	Good public transportation	n/a	34470
7/20/2024 22:12	Quiet, small town feel	Over development!Safety	Safely Safety Safety	Activities for teens	Cultural venues are all in areas that are NOT served by public transportation! If you don't have a car in Marion County so many of its pleasures are not available to you. The current economy restricts what people can do.	34481
7/22/2024 12:50	In the city	need workforce housing that is affordable	Quality jobs	workforce housing that is affordable	With 269 people moving into Marion County each week there needs to be more workforce housing that is affordable	34470
7/22/2024 14:15	Florida beauty Barge canal recreation & our horse farms	Over growth	Progress with class	Growth planning	We have a fast growing area but I think at the rapid speed of growth things are not being planned to preserve the beauty that surrounds us. Unique & beauty & the free state of Florida is showing that for people moving to this area. Planning for the right placement, roads & schools is a must for marion county. Belleview needs a facelift much like downtown Ocala has done, Mt Dora, Eustis & Leesburg.	34420
7/22/2024 14:55	Green way	Roads, Planning, Crime	Outdoor family Recreation	Manufacturing	expand springs safe swimming area, Green zone recreation, motorized atv/utv areas in west marion.	34421
7/22/2024 14:57	balanced, stable environment	damage to environment	eclectic, inclusive feeling	digital services guide	housing that is affordable, eco-friendly, and inclusive	34480
7/22/2024 15:07	proximity to everything	cost of living	we have everything	affordable housing	affordable housing is non-existent in Marion County. Even those that say they are affordable are still priced over \$1,000 a month.	34470
7/22/2024 15:17	beauty, having a strong community presence	INFRASTRUCTURE of our roads and more accessibility to I75 having overhead highways would be a plus and help with traffic and upkeep of our roads.	potential if commissioners would adhere to the planning codes	more white collar corporations, instead of manufacturing and warehouse's. would create better paying jobs. which will trickle down to better consumer stores and restaurants instead of Dollar General's and WalMart's	N/A	34471
7/22/2024 15:18	slow pace	too many people	Nothing	bicycle infrastructure	none	32113
7/22/2024 15:24	quiet, semi-rural setting	URBANISATION	enhancing Conservative values	a digital services guide (similar to the front of telephone directories)	Need more affordable housing in the northwest and northeast quadrants of Ocala near employment opportunities. Need much less development of rural areas where there are fewer employment opportunities. Discourage further population influx in order to preserve quality of life for current residents. STOP DEVELOPMENT!	34480
7/22/2024 15:31	It's outside the area where I work	The traffic	Employment opportunities	Mandatory garbage P/U	None	34428

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7/22/2024 15:39	small town feel	Minimal Affordable Housing	Growth and Community	Walkability, Better Roads	With all the growth projected for our community, having more places to go for shopping and a mix of dining, and attraction-type places (example: arcades, escape rooms, axe throwing, obstacle courses, kids' activity and science centers, museums, art corners for local artists' murals, and squares for little farmers markets, etc) would be amazing additions to our community. Need better roads everywhere. More parks for water recreation (we miss Wild Waters), and prioritize connecting green spaces in the in-betweens. Have bus routes commute patrons from destination to destination to the downtown square in Ocala. Incentivize development in these areas with less regulation (except for impact fees - enforce those), and sidewalk connectivity, please. Infill > Sprawl.	34480
7/22/2024 16:42	quiet surroundings, minimum traffic, places to eat	lack of planning regarding traffic	new animal shelter	Not enough parks in the SW section	Marion County is not very receptive to its residents. Where I moved from the County Commissioner meeting were held in the evening sometime continuing into the wee morning hours!	34476
7/22/2024 17:25	country living	growth	keeping a horse community	communication	none	34433
7/22/2024 18:36	Rual farms and wildlife	Continuing to build and lose the natural beauty of the county	Rual farmlands	Public swimming areas	We don't have the roads to sustain all this building	32686
7/22/2024 19:18	Safe, Beautiful, Springs	Toxic politics	Improving education and health	Better public transportation and sidewalks on busy roads.	Infrastructure projects hopefully will continue to keep up with growth.	34472
7/22/2024 19:32	location	growth, infrastructure, low pay rate	nothing	Good paying jobs	None	34472
7/22/2024 19:35	Open space and horse farms	Consider the value of the unique soil for horses. Treat it like a ski resort and preserve why people come here. Quit changing the comp plan. Develop outside the FPA. Focus on infrastructure before we end up like LA.	Getting people in charge that aren't in the developers pocket or get the BOCC educated on how to preserve the character and beauty of Ocala.	representatives of the horse community in local government.	We need small 5 acre farms so middleclass people can live their dream instead of getting pushed out of town.	34482
7/22/2024 20:01	Peace and quiet	over development	There is nothing for the kids of the county to do.	Infrastructure, mostly roads	None	34479
7/22/2024 20:20	quiet	overpopulation	forest areas	environmentally minded people	I would like to see growth curbed to preserve our water and natural resources.	34488
7/22/2024 21:00	Outside of city	Retirees moving here	Renovations	Water park	Water parks or amusement park. Something like Disney springs or city walk	34420
7/22/2024 21:56	Our home, the community, beautiful countryside	Inadequate roads, lack of stores and restaurants	The growth if done correctly	Shopping and restaurants	Living in Marion Oaks I feel we need more ways out of our community, better roads that the holes in the roads don't get bigger with every rain and patching done by the county, that we have at least 3 lights added on Blvd. Would like to see more stores and restaurants closer than 200. Can't believe the county didn't take 49th all the way thru to 200. We need a better access to 200 so we don't have to go all the way in one direction to go back in other direction on 200. Need bus service for those that don't have transportation.	34473
7/22/2024 22:23	Parks	Overdevelopment	Diversity	Connectivity alternative transportation	Bike and pedestrian paths	34432
7/23/2024 1:27	open spaces	Over development	convenience development	public commercial airport	With all the proposed multi family development, thus more traffic and possible pedestrians/cyclist, it is very important to have properly controlled intersections to ensure the safety of all. Dedicated turn lanes so traffic does not back up at major/busy intersections.	34481
7/23/2024 2:27	Quite neighborhood close to things we enjoy	The crumbling infrastructure I	Getting new commissioners who are more in touch with what younger families need.	Covered pickleball courts.	We need better appreciation of funds to what actually matters.	34479
7/23/2024 13:31	Close enough to get eveywhere in town but not in the center of main business districts and "mess"	infrastructure (EMS) lagging behind growth	Options for fun and activity	ACTUAL affordable housing	Affordable housing for one income families is a NEED	34480

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7/23/2024 13:58	even though have deed restrictions in Marion Oaks, there is no HOA which is nothing like having one. If was HOA would have not move here.	Too much building. Getting rid of the lands, farms, trees, etc.... Becoming a concrete jungle just like South Florida and others areas had and are.	nothing at the moment	lots of sustainable infrastructure. specially in Marion Oaks.	More police patrolling and watching needs to be done in the Marion Oaks area. Even though we have a police station here is useless. No police presence here. And more businesses that are needed. NO more storage spaces, car washes and such. Way too many of that already.	34473
7/23/2024 14:05	The beautiful trees in my neighborhood that provide needed shade and a natural setting.	Too many cars, not enough roads. 484 needs to be at least three lanes wide.	It's a beautiful area with potential for great businesses.	Marion Oaks neighborhood needs another grocery store, more lights instead of 4-way stop signs, and a community pool like Jarvey Gantt.	Nature/bike/walking trails that are shared with water along the trail and allow dogs. Also another community pool closer to Marion Oaks.	34473
7/23/2024 15:01	Safety, convenient location	Nothing here but houses	Hopefully internet & stores	Stores, internet, gas stations, rest	We have enough houses! Don't particularly like when corps. are mass buying land and using it for rental property. Also, don't like all the dogs running loose. However, let's build a more grocery stores,shops ,restaurants,etc.	34473
7/23/2024 15:17	Peaceful, Beautiful, Rural Feeling	Population, Traffic.	Seeing more businesses setting up shop here.	24/7 Emergency Veterinary care in Marion Oaks, Having home recycling services, Street Sweeping	Relocate the Pilot Gas Station on CR 484 and HWY 75. To keep trucks out of that area.	34473
7/23/2024 15:22	Quiet	High taxes and traffic	Growth opportunities for 484	The 484 area lacks everything with most paining being no affordable cable or internet options! We need more restaurants, grocery stores, gym, things for kids of all ages to do and have access to, more childcare options, high school	Stores of variety...target, Home Depot, Sam's club, Aldi, ice cream shop, pizza, more fast food options.	34473
7/23/2024 16:06	Safety, parks, schools	school overcrowding	opportunities	parks with water/swimming	Marion County is a wonderful place to live which is why so many people are flocking here. Schools don't seem to be keeping up with the growth at all. My fear is great over crowding in the school system in the next couple of years. Roads need to be built too, in order to relieve some of the traffic congestion that is already happening.	34474
7/23/2024 16:08	less population desity	rapid development	better management of traffic	better traffic management and control	none	34480
7/23/2024 16:15	peace and quiet	infrastructure, condition of the roads, over population	Possibilities for county and cities to work together	nothing really	I like the size of our County, like the areas that are undeveloped better than urban areas	34491
7/23/2024 16:36	Safety security crime	Crime, infrastructure	Lower taxes	Improve roadways	Shooting range	34491
7/23/2024 16:44	PEACE, SMALL TOWN FEEL	LESS TRAFFIC CONGESTION	MORE OF A VARIETY OF FOOD AND RETAIL STORES	OPEN SPACE	NONE	34420
7/23/2024 16:47	quiet	price of housing	attractions	water park	Middle Class single parent families are struggling with the current housing set up. New builds are for low-income or for families with an income over \$100,000 annually. There is no in-between for the middle-class single-parent households.	34479
7/23/2024 17:01	Farm land	Traffic, infrastructure, pollution	Positive slow growth	Traffic lights, traffic cops	Please slow the growth of this beautiful county that is being overran by builders and people from all over with zero insight as to how it affects residents that have lived here for years with no proper planning. If you can plan the infrastructure properly, then we will be good. Please leave places for the wildlife to have a home.	34473
7/23/2024 17:21	Scenic roadways, parks and trails	lack of infrastructure to support the growth of population	preservation of areas important to County, growth of Marion County	mixed use development, large malls	n/a	34471
7/23/2024 17:28	Growing, but still rural	overpopulated,	nature	more programs for kids involving horses	Mother nature nurture us, please don't let Marion county loose its rural feeling	34473

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7/23/2024 17:28	convenience, travel time, quality	The county is not ready for all the growth	more places spread out for convenience and not just on HWY 200	not enough places to shop that isn't on HWY 200. HWY 200 is a mess and travel time is terrible	ALL neighborhoods need sidewalks. My Family can't enjoy a nice walk without almost getting hit by a car in my neighborhood. We need more stores and grocery stores that aren't on HWY 200. HWY 200 is a mess and there is SO MUCH traffic. It's hard to enjoy an outing with my family. We need more avenues to places. I don't think Marion County was ready for so much growth. You need more roads/lanes. You need more schools because there aren't many around for so many kids. Also, the quality of your schools are not great. You need to be striving for excellence for all Children & Teens. That means you need the best teachers and administration to run those schools.	34476
7/23/2024 17:34	Farmland	Over Crowding	Community	Sustainable infrastructure	New to Marion County from an over grown South Florida. Growth is great for an infrastructure, if it is properly assessed. My concerns are the roads and the schools need to be addressed.	34474
7/23/2024 17:38	Open space, rural character, safe environment, limited light and noise pollution, limited development.	Growing too fast without the proper infrastructure or planning. Overdevelopment and pollution. Inadequate public safety and emergency medicine.	Opportunity.	Public Recreation and Aquatic centers.	We must meet the population growth with increased public safety (fire, EMS, police, dispatch, trauma center), provide more parks and recreation opportunities to provide affordable fun to multi-generational families and improve quality of life, and maintain our natural resources (our clean water) to provide for our growing population.	34482
7/23/2024 17:50	country atmosphere, natural resources, clean and safe	over population, strain on resources, becoming the next Orlando	destination parks, aquatic and family centers, more for families to do	parks, bike trails, destination playgrounds, community centers, aquatic centers	Don't just built these amenities in the new housing developments. ALL of Marion County deserves these amenities. Keep in mind to build and expend green spaces, parks, activity centers, etc. outside of the City limits and new bid developments.	32617
7/23/2024 18:18	Small town living	Growth	Growth	Biking areas	None	34432
7/23/2024 18:28	peace, country, nature	to much GROWTH, overcrowded, not safe anymore,	the land, county, farms the localness, privacy	wildlife education in walking areas and preserving out forest	Marion County doe not need to lose its friendly, safe good school characteristics. I live here because I can keep my doors open and be in the woods and drive 20 mins and be in town.	32617
7/23/2024 18:32	safety	safety - crime - affordability	opportunity	Parks	none	34471
7/23/2024 18:50	Unique Marion Culture	Loosing Identity	Recreational Opportunities	Large Recreation Facility	More facilities that unite the community and bring tourism.	34471
7/23/2024 18:51	cost of living	too much expansion	lower taxes	none	happy to live here	34431
7/23/2024 19:23	country living	cost of living	new highways	entertainment	Being that I am a native of Marion County, it is exciting to see the city grow but the wrong things are being put here. Places for Entertainment need to be here, an attraction such as a water park, something that brings adventure, need to have things that are beneficial to the younger generations as well as the retirees.	34475
7/23/2024 19:28	smooth roads and safety	over crowding	i am not sure	entertainment for the family (not theatres or museums)	no	34479
7/23/2024 19:37	open spaces, recreational areas, springs	Lack of infrastructure, high costs of housing, low wages, lack of public transportation, damage to natural resources	The opportunity for proper projected planning for controid development to include area specific infrastrusture and additional regional parks in areas that are currently underserved.	Multifunctional recreation facilities to include opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreation, walking and biking trails, road development to reduce congestion before we reach the Tampa and Orlando choas.	I am excited to see surveys such as this, I feel as if Marion County is doing something right before we get to a point of no return as many large metropolitan areas have. Development is essential but not by destroying the natural resources that we all enjoy (keep the green spaces).	34488
7/23/2024 20:21	Trees, open spaces,	Overcrowding, growth	Common sense decisions	County pool	Marion County is growing to fast infrastructure can't keep up	32668

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7/23/2024 20:25	Space	Growing too fast	Staying green	Inadequate food stores	Growing so fast that the infrastructure can't handle it. Roads already crowded and not in great condition. Not enough teachers or classrooms for the family communities that are being built. Grocery stores already crowded.	34482
7/23/2024 21:53	parks, natural resources, and small town feel	growth without proper planning	new opportunities	aquatic center and indoor recreation facility	More parks, more pickleball courts, more outdoor recreation, less subdivisions.	34470
7/23/2024 22:23	Lower taxes	Roads neglected potholes	Lower taxes	Publix, Walmart, grass cutting	Start cutting grass more often every 2 months not 3-4 months.	34473
7/23/2024 23:10	Green spaces.	Overdeveloped	Stop building	New commissioners	Keep Marion county Rural! The overdevelopment has to stop.	34473
7/24/2024 11:16	peace and outdoors	Roads and population growth	Hope to keep the outdoors pristine	to not be over populated	Keep Marion County Rural	34420
7/24/2024 11:23	Easy access to a main road for example baseline or maricamp	Infrastructure and failing roads	New entertainment opportunities	lively communal area	n/a	34472
7/24/2024 12:02	It's quiet and peaceful.	I'm not aware of plans for the future of Marion County.	I'm not aware of plans for the future of Marion County.	There aren't enough different things to do besides going to springs.	Everything is centered in and around Ocala. It would be nice to see things spread further out into the county.	34420
7/24/2024 13:45	Open spaces	Over development taking over green space and wildlife being displaced	Additional equine activities.	More parks	The quantity and quality of houses being thrown up in this county is deplorable. Shane on the commissioners. We also need to enforce spay and neuter laws and stop backyard breeding.	34482
7/24/2024 14:15	Family, Friends, Community	Growth, Roads, Sprawl	Parks for the Community	More Parks, Pickleball	More Pickleball Courts, covered/uncovered. Improve road conditions.	32134
7/24/2024 15:01	quietness	boom of houses	diversity	more parks	n/a	34476
7/24/2024 16:09	Parks & Springs	Roads handling traffic increases; COL increasing more than salary matches	Parks & Springs	Commercial airport/flights	Green spaces & conveniently located airport for Commercial flights	34480
7/24/2024 17:10	It's my home	over development . Inadequate infrastructure	Not excited. Heartbroken.	Political courage. Transparency	This survey is a requirement of the state simply done to comply. Means nothing without the political courage of our elected officials.	34476
7/24/2024 20:15	It's out of the city limits - mostly quiet.	The infrastructure is not keeping up - it takes forever to get anywhere.	As we grow there will be more here for us to do. We have great shopping, restaurants and some cultural events as well — I love Marion County	We need higher wages. We are bringing in jobs but they still don't pay enough to sustain a family so they can buy a house, etc	.	34473
7/25/2024 1:19	Quiet, tranquil green areas	Overdevelopment and rezoning	Placing a moratorium on rezoning and development	Participants to civic events	Stop the overdevelopment	34473
7/25/2024 2:51	The natural world: trees, springs, water, birds, wildlife	Book banning coming to our area; loss of natural places and farmland to development	Thriving arts community	Trader Joes	I don't really want to see more housing, except there's probably a need for affordable housing. We should try to preserve farmland and old growth trees	34432
7/25/2024 10:24	Smart growth patterns. Farmland preservation area. Good transportation systems.	Suburban development patterns spreading density over too wide an area.	Opportunity for young people.	Better shopping destinations.	Approve higher densities within the urban growth boundary. Be very hard on density outside the boundary. Protect the farmland preservation area.	34482
7/25/2024 11:31	Horse farms	Population	Non developed land	Infrastructure	Marion County slogan is Horse Capital of the World. You are quickly dissolving that slogan with the population and land development occurring here. Sad.	34476
7/25/2024 11:36	The forest and wildlife (or what's left of it).	Overdevelopment, loss of tress/forest and farmland	Hoping it will stay a rural area	Parks, conservation	Leave more room, for trees between lots, don't built so close together, less apartment complexes,	34473
7/25/2024 17:47	Pastoral open space.	High density housing.	Community historical context.	Historical continuity.	Improving utilization of I75/Turnpike existing space rather than building another highway somewhere else. Better plan for development and infrastructure without impacting pastoral character. Develop mixed use living down town while preserving architectural characteristics of Ocala.	34482
7/25/2024 18:24	Horse farms Living in "The Horse Capital of the World". It is what makes Ocala unique. The world knows about Ocala because of the horses ... all of the breeds, all of the disciplines	That it changes to be like every other place ... over populated, urban community that forgets its roots and history.	Horse events	Internet and trash waste pickup	Please don't take the quality of life away. Don't forget what makes Marion County so special. Don't get greedy.	34473

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7/25/2024 18:32	Home, Outdoors	Too many people moving in, too much growth.	Conservation	more conservation	none	34470
7/25/2024 19:07	Family	expansion & crime	Popular restaurants	Bus, & Train station	They should bring back the amtrak & Greyhound. They refurbished the Train/Bus station only to shut it down months later, money & tax payers expense.	34470
7/25/2024 19:11	Low crime, consistent power/internet	Crime, smart development, traffic	More opportunities	Water park	N/a	34470
7/25/2024 19:24	Rural, springs, native wildlife	Springs and wilderness preservation	Wildlife corridor, preservation, authentic community sustainable waterways	Sustainable conservation, rural commu	Keep Marion county Rural!	32179
7/25/2024 19:56	Home taxes	Traffic	Family park activities	Go Bright line train & water amusement park	None at this time	34479
7/26/2024 15:51	Healthcare	Overdevelopment	New restaurants	Quality entertainment	More activity space for young people that are free, or very low cost.	34471
7/26/2024 22:01	Tree canopy/natural areas.	Overdelevopment and crumbling roads.	Potential for preserving areas for parks and recreation.	Small local parks and playgrounds for resident's children. Walking distance from neighborhoods.	People need places to go and fun things to do. People need more than just work and shopping for necessities. Building so much housing and apartments without providing greenspace (parks and trails), educational and cultural activities, and festivals means a large population of residents bored and irritable.	34480
7/27/2024 14:23	Peace, Nature, Animals	Traffic, overdevelopment, poor infrastructure	Nothing, because of overdevelopment	Conservation and walk ability	No more overdevelopment by mass production developers such as lennar, Dr Horton, etc. our roads and schools are not prepared for so much housing causing traffic, crowdedness and lack off amenity availability. Most people moved here to get away from crowded cities, enjoy nature and animals and now we are turning Ocala into a crowded city. It needs to stop!	34471
7/27/2024 15:03	rural, open spaces	excessive growth, infrastructure missing	as is-nothing	infrastructure, traffic control	Housing is low rating because so much is being overbuilt without infrastructure paid for by DEVELOPERS. Roadways need improving. We already have art and entertainment venues.	34479
7/28/2024 21:16	Country feel	Over crowding and congestion	The hometown appeal	Protected Spaces	Huge developments in protected areas should not be permitted. Leave zoning in these areas as is	32113
7/29/2024 11:26	Nature, wildlife, peaceful	Overcrowding, deforestation, safety	More concerned than excited	Infrastructure to support rapid growth	I am concerned that the allowed development without the supporting infrastructure, community resources such as police presence (currently at less than 10% for our community per the chiefs last report), is going to create problems that seem to not have been factored in. Traffic all around has drastically increased over the last 2 years and 484 is a mess during the school months. I can only imagine what this will look like once has the new residents move in.	34476
7/29/2024 12:38	Water recreation and community	Homeless and children in foster care	Community events/springs	Homeless resources	I would like to see more activities for youth to keep them out of trouble.	32134
7/29/2024 13:25	The trees	Road Infrastructure	Business Growth	24hr Urgent Care	N/A	34473
7/29/2024 15:51	Beautiful land.	Infrastructure. Traffic. Overbuilding	Nothing anymore.	Concert venue.	Too much building with no infrastructure planning.	34474
7/29/2024 15:52	shopping	variety of shopping	growth	useful mass transit	no comments	34472
7/29/2024 16:55	Out of hustle and bustle of being in town	Too much development with developers outside of Marion County. Not worried about preserving what's special just looking to make a lot of money.	Growth is exciting because it brings opportunity but there needs to be a balance and consideration for keeping this a special place so we don't end up looking and feeling like all congested cities around FL.	Sustainable infrastructure. Roads are horrible. Traffic light management is not consistent.	Quit developing all the new housing. Stop allowing large developers to change the look and feel of what makes Marion County special.	34472
7/29/2024 18:15	The historic nature and history of the home	Disband the roadblocks keeping historic homes being repaired. I E the So-called preservation society	Continue the expansion of our downtown shops and restaurants	The understanding of a preservation society, actual preservation instead of their personal opinions	Amphitheater	34471
7/29/2024 21:06	Community assets	Economic recession	Opportunities	Large athletic stadium venue	The directions for this question are unclear.	34471

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7/29/2024 21:25	Rural environment	Environmental decline	Protecting rural areas	Proactive code enforcement.	Do not allow amendments to the County's Comp Plan/Future Land Use Map that increase residential densities.	32195
7/30/2024 14:14	Beauty of nature	The natural beauty	Better medical services	Handicap accessibility walkways	More accessible public transit, community centers, and protected nature areas.	32134
7/30/2024 18:16	Rural, quiet, agriculture	Development, too many people.	Keeping it rural.	Conservation and open land protections.	Please don't cave to greed and developers. We LIVE here and want it to stay the way it is. Once paved over you cannot get it back. Please leave the AHmazing rural character of Orange Lake, McIntosh, Reddick untouched. This IS why people move here not bc of another strip mall or Buckees. Thank you.	32667
7/30/2024 19:26	Location	Growth	Stability	More family friendly activities	There needs to be more family friendly things to do in Ocala for smaller children. Something like a Water Park with a kids area, Children's Museum, Aquarium etc. Splash Pads are nice, but then the parents sit there in the heat. To me, Ocala lacks things to do with younger children. You can't take a 2 year old floating down the river. The parks are nice, but it is very hot in the summer, more indoor activities for smaller children.	34471
7/30/2024 19:54	Wildlife peaceful unpaved	Too much development	That rural lifestyle is protected	Conservation	More wildlife conservation areas need to be set aside adding a 1 or 2 cent sales tax to pay for it will go a long way to help finance it Marion county is being paved over The county needs protection from developers	32667
7/30/2024 20:26	I value my family.	Lack of activites	More industries	social activities	There is a lack of activities for children, teenagers and families. My family and I spend more time in Orlando due to the variety of things to do. Our road system also needs a major upgrade.	34420
7/30/2024 23:42	Natural land	Not enough infrastructure	Not much	Land preservation	Better healthy grocery and sing options Everything is chain	34474
7/31/2024 3:01	the people	not found by ems	street names are dangerous isolation due to street bames	library close to Topw, Chelsea, stone creek fair pricing for water	Shuttle service to airports UF Gainesville	34481
7/31/2024 12:38	safety, clean, friendly	So many run down areas, and no enforcement of community standards. rural areas get no support.	update, modernize, pride	road maintenance. mosquito control	none	32134
7/31/2024 14:55	Beauty and rural nature.	Overdevelopment, traffic, water.	Maintaining rural quality.	Smart development	We need affordable housing but not urban sprawl.	32686
7/31/2024 17:49	Out in the country feel with city convenience.	Infrastructure can not meet our county growth.	Safe, quite place to see my kids grow up.	More parks.	Keep Marion County beautiful by respecting its natural nature areas.	34476
8/1/2024 0:18	Ocala, horse country.	Too crowded for our roads.	Own my home.	Better roads.	Build better roads before you allow more homes and apartments to be built. They could build some parks for dogs. I have never seen a dog park in Ocala.	34482
8/1/2024 11:55	Weather	Water and traffic	Libraries and parks	Public gardens	Development is out of control. What steps are being taken to ensure water supply and traffic control?	34476
8/1/2024 12:04	Weather ruralness	Housing over development	Over population	Garden parks	Traffic is already congested on 200. Too much development will only make it worse. Also, water supply is a growing concern.	34476
8/1/2024 12:44	Community	No County community center, Growth, lack of entertainment and restaurants	The potential	Family entertainment, community center, adult softball fields	Marion county lacks a true community center to accommodate all of its residents. The city's community center is way too small and cheaply built. I'm a father of 4 and we have to travel to surrounding areas for family entertainment because Marion county doesn't have any that's worth visiting. The restaurant's are over crowded and unbearable. HWY 200 is crowded as well.	34472
8/1/2024 12:57	Farm Land	Infrastructure/Over Building	Not Sure	A Children's Museum	Actual obstacle courses. One for kids and one for adults at a large park.	34480

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8/1/2024 13:07	The open country land to ride through peacefully with the beautiful horse and farm life you see on those roads.	The amount of people moving here! The roads not being able to support this amount of residents! The over abundance of building and taking away the open land that I moved here for 20 years ago :-(The new business in our downtown area, but we need more fun places near this area so it's all inclusive, eat, drink, shop, have fun! Marion County lacks in that area. Kids and teenagers especially need these or they start getting into trouble.	Dave & Buster type of business might do well now that we have so much growth here, fun for all ages! An all inclusive fun spot, putt putt golf, bumper cars, bumper boats, top golf, bowling, ice skating, roller skating, etc.	I moved here 20 years ago from the BIG city life to raise my kids in a smaller community with less crime, less drug addiction, more open land, more close knit community and that has changed drastically in the past 5 years or so. Coming from South Florida and watching them build in every nook & cranny, all the way out to Everglades National Park, on what was swamp land was horrible and unfortunately, I am seeing that same building happening in Marion County now. I understand that growth is going to happen, but you need to preserve the beauty and rolling hills, open horse land that keeps the residents in this county! Don't make this into a major city or it will ruin your community as we once knew it.	34480
8/1/2024 13:13	Natural resources - woods, river, springs	over-development, unplanned growth, insufficient infrastructure	Federal and State forests	Sufficient mental health facilities and homeless resources	Public libraries, an institution of life-long learning, provide numerous, varied and valuable services to our citizens, from birth to seniors. More attention should be given to them as a community builder, early literacy resource and a place where all are welcomed. It would be helpful if there were some direction provided for the previous question. Because I didn't know what was needed I gave everything the same rating.	34488
8/1/2024 13:16	The trees	Overbuilding, traffic	Vibrant downtown activities	Sustainable infrastructure	I'm concerned with the large number of apartment complexes and retail replacing our green spaces. Hwy 200 used to keep the beautiful oaks near the road even when something new was built. Now Hwy 200 looks like any other city's overdeveloped, cookie-cutter strip. What defines Ocala now?	34471
8/1/2024 13:50	away from congestion	too much growth	don't see anything but too much growth and high prices	we have enough	Most of the horse farms are and will be turned into housing and apartment complexes. Soon we won't be able to call Marion County the Horse Capital of the world. Just another congested County.	34479
8/1/2024 14:11	Small town feel.	Having enough room for everyone moving here.	Bringing more visitors to Marion county.	Water park. More good restaurants.	More flights out of our airport.	34479
8/1/2024 14:39	Quiet, nature	Overdevelopment is destroying nature, traffic	Nothing	Public transportation, infrastructure	Adequate roads, schools, doctors and hospitals should have been made available before all of the overdevelopment. Now we have thousands of new people here. It takes twice as long to get anywhere and I recently had to wait almost 6 months for a doctors appointment. A wait of 2 months has become the norm for most doctors.	34473
8/1/2024 18:42	people	Traffic, population density	modernizing the infrastructure, it's needed	Community Pool/Water Park, recreational facilities, public performance areas	N/A	34470
8/2/2024 12:18	Rural area	Over population	Staying rural	Access to good internet	County commissioners are selling out Marion county to big develop!! STOP	34482
8/2/2024 21:31	It's my hometown	Being able to keep up with the population growth	Growth!	Roads	Housing should be a priority. With everyone moving to Marion, we need more places to house them. Transit is a must as the roadways can't hold the traffic we have now.	34471
8/3/2024 0:51	Quiet, country, trees	Growth, clearing land	Stopping the growth	Conservation open space	The natural wildlife is being destroyed. As a developer cleared the lot across from us, where a large population of turkeys nested, we could hear the turkeys going crazy. I have no clue where they went or if they were killed in the process. Devastating.	34473
8/3/2024 4:52	Land preservation, Community	Uncontrolled, growth. preservation	Horse Farms Forever	Infrastructure, school ratings	Slow down!!!! Give more thought to the future we don't want to be the next Orlando, Kissimmee or other concrete community.	34482
8/3/2024 9:37	Low population	Expansion, overly populated, negative culture change from uneducated people moving here	I'm considering a move. Preserving the land would be exciting and I'd be willing to pay higher taxes to watch construction stop.	Preservation committee	Please stop selling out to builders. Someone needs to ask the deltona corporation to go back to deltona	34473

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8/3/2024 19:13	Country, quiet, safe	overdevelopment, underplanning, vagrants	Road repair projects	Pothole-free-roadways	All of these ideas are lovely but the roads in my area have potholes that are over one foot deep, they are patched every few months and the potholes reappear after a rain. There are hundreds of potholes and this is not an exaggeration. The roads need to be fixed and properly maintained before you work on these other projects. Also a comment on the park spaces below, there are several lovely park areas in Marion County but they are unusable due to the vagrants who live there and make it unsafe for families. If you increase the public park spaces or any of these other public amenities they will just fill up with vagrants unless you address that problem first	32179
8/4/2024 13:59	FL	FL	FL	FL	Na	34473
8/5/2024 0:23	Peace, quiet	Too many buildings	Better stores	Pool, bike trail	We should have a pool, better shopping options	34473
8/5/2024 0:26	Space	Traffic	Better store choices	Park for kids	None	34473
8/5/2024 5:17	Greenway	over building of houses on small lots	slowing the growth. Letting the infrastructure catch up	more conservation in developments	developers should have to set aside a certain amount of greenspace and pay impact fees. slow the growth. The lots don't necessarily have to be an acre but a 1/2 acre would be nice	34476
8/5/2024 13:19	Horse ranches	Over development	Terrified by overdevelopment	More law enforcement	More law enforcement	34481
8/5/2024 13:50	APPROXIMITY TO TOWN	OVERCROWDING	YOUTH SPORTS EVENTS	MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	WE NEED TO UTILIZE THE OTHER BASEBALL PARKS (NOT JUST ROTARY) AND EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY FOR YOUTH TRAVEL BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS.	34479
8/5/2024 16:25	Road Maintenance	Business development	Growth	Attracting visitors	My family and I have lived in Marion county for over 20yrs. I would like to see more minority development in businesses	34491
8/5/2024 17:21	Scenic, rural and safe	Over building	Staying family friendly	Sustainable infrastructure	We are missing the 'slow ocala' we moved up here for.	32134
8/5/2024 17:53	Countryside, horse farms retirement area	Need more retail grocery stores on West hwy 40 however so much traffic lack of infrastructure to accommodate growth	Newer roads	Lack of social senior services	Economical senior services that are closer to my area, places to exercise and socialize easily too.	34474
8/6/2024 2:33	Central to FL	Heavy traffic / Need more highschoools	Need variety of family entertainment	Entertainment for families; large waterpark	Our roads need more lanes, heavy traffic and congestion is frequent on all main roads. Increase roadway expansion time-lines. It's great 2 elementaries are being built. But additional middle and high schools are necessary due to the increase of housing. We need more retail, restaurants and Costco/Sam's and more pediatric dentist options.	34472
8/6/2024 16:02	Horses, farms, safety	More people less farms and horses	Progress of the farms and horses	More connection between the commissioner and the public	We need to go back to Marion county roots prioritize, our horse and farm communities. we are the horse capital of the world and yet I don't feel it no more I feel that we've been overrun by the wrong progress. We are losing our purpose in this city our horses and farms.	34480
8/6/2024 22:35	Farms Quiet Minimal traffic	Updating community/animal services	No toll road	Larger animal shelter	We don't need more housing growth, your current services aren't supporting the current population. Greed will ruin what is great about living here.	34481
8/7/2024 0:42	I value the space and nature	The security	New retail development	A high school and sidewalks	N/a	34473
8/7/2024 1:52	Nature	Crime	Growth	Sustainable infrastructure	I would like for Marion Oaks to be worked on	34473
8/7/2024 8:09	Space, trees, security	Lack of: Professional job placement, sidewalks, lack of balance between new house construction vs infrastructure. Too many trees are cutting.	Younger population, diversity, hopefully more places to go.	Libraries, sidewalks, professional job placements, better street maintenance	Expand the downtown	34473 Marion Oaks
8/7/2024 14:17	Diverse neighborhood	Traffic delays	Forward moving	Bus pull-offs	None	34472

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8/7/2024 15:58	Location	Need things to do	Nothing	Water park	Need to have something for kids and teenagers to do	34473
8/7/2024 16:19	Open space around neighborhood.	Density, traffic flow,hospitality.	New small business.	Public transportation	Neighborhood hubs shouldn't be on top of each other. Space should be between them. Ocala should not turn into south FL urban sprawl.	34481
8/7/2024 16:41	Protection of outdoor spaces	Loss of wilderness areas for animals and densely built housing	Growth and jobs	Walking and bike trails	Unsure where/how mass transit would run for it to be used at a high enough level to be worth investment	32134
8/7/2024 20:51	safety, quiet	plans for future	where could go	sustainable infrastructure	Marion County is a large area.. and as far as living area/community, I can only say that Marion Oaks north of 484 lacks in all of this.. and is a lovely neighborhood.. but lacking in all of the PSA.. However, the housing is filling right up.	34473
8/7/2024 23:53	It seems to be peaceful, safe, clean	Accessibility, crime, affordability	Activities, education, health	More schools	There's enough housing. Houses are not selling as quickly anymore, people can barely afford rent and it feels like there's new complexes everywhere. Road expansions are needed due to the increase in population. Preserving green spaces would be nice. If anything will be added, it should be more entertainment options for people 20-35 y.o.	34473
8/7/2024 23:54	community	loss of charm	activities/events	development east of town	none	34472
8/8/2024 5:10	Quiet, nature, beauty	Overdevelopment, traffic, crime	Preserving rural character	Bike paths in NE Marion	Excessive development, especially in southwest Marion, is reducing the quality of life for all residents who want to patronize businesses there. We live in the Ocala National Forest near Salt Springs and must travel 45-60 minutes just to get to I-75, longer to west Marion. In the past five years since we moved here, travel times have increased by 30 to 40 percent. We're starting to see homeless encampments on the highways and streets. The county commission is rubber-stamping one development after another, with no regard for the impact on existing residents of the community. At this rate, Marion County will quickly lose its rural character and charm, no matter how many pocket parks are built. Wake up and stop this insanity now, or it will be too late for Marion County to recover.	32134
8/8/2024 15:09	Family	Growth	None	Sustainable motorways	Traffic planning needs improvement. Current adjustments are antiquated and will not sustain observed growth rates. Stop and go is a no go.	34431
8/8/2024 23:17	Nature, neighborhood, restaurants	Growth	Diversity	Culture	None	34474
8/9/2024 13:07	Convenience, growth, community	Congestion, disrepair, inequity	Growth, development, preservation	Bicycle infrastructure	Further planned and executed expansion of county utilities into Silver Springs Shores area, as well as expansion of dining options. More vertical development to conserve land to meet rural:urban requirements. Elevated bypass loop to relieve I-75 congestion and provide better cross-county navigation while not requiring as much rural development (akin to Veteran's Expressway in Savannah) — could provide better connections to interstate from Ocala airport, allow for better interstate travel for through traffic, and lighten local interstate traffic by initiating around CR-326 and closing loop near southern county line by Belleview. Could be developed as an Interstate Loop (475 or 875) to secure federal funding, or possibly be a toll road (with exemption of local residents). Additionally, could have various covered portions of the roadway lined with solar panels to feed into county power grid.	34472
8/9/2024 19:22	Peaceful, quiet (most times), great weather!	Overbuilding of apartments instead of individual homes	Fewer people means fewer vehicles	Job bank for teens is seniors could hire them!	The SW area is lacking public transportation, theaters, galleries, museum's & playgrounds.	34481

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8/9/2024 21:00	Being close to so many business and still feeling suburbish	mental health resources for all	Hidden county gems - like small restaurants and little museums	Low barrier homeless shelters.	One of the things that would greatly benefit the county would be stronger mental health and general support resources for people experiencing homelessness and those in danger of becoming homeless. This would also include safe, supportive, and affordable housing.	34474
8/9/2024 23:29	Beautiful,natural landscape	Crime,overgrowth,infrastructure	Nothing	Sustainable infrastructure	I am a native Marion county resident. I hate all the growth. The streets have terrible traffic. You can even take back roads as they are packed. I don't care to go out to shop or eat because of it. My family is debating on moving out of this county. Taxes are high, trying to improve your property is ridiculous high ,marion county permits you to death. Wages here are lower than neighboring counties.	34491
8/10/2024 12:30	Nature Safety affordability	Overbuilding resource depletion	Conservation	Walkability	The sprawl that is occurring really should be scaled back to preserve what this area is known for which is our ecotourism . I believe we can still grow but do not have to continue to spread.	32696
8/10/2024 15:16	The beauty and accessibility to shopping and things to do for kids	The amount of horse farms being sold to developers	All new local restaurants and shopping along the 200 corridor	Trader Joe's. Whole Foods. Passenger trains.	I think that all the amenities and shopping should continue down 200 corridor and not allow developers to build less than 1 acre per lot . and to have train system run to gainsville/jax and orlando . Also, to start beautification of pine road near downtown cause it looks sketch.	34474
8/10/2024 17:02	Nature, peace and quiet (when we have it). Being far from commercial centers but not excessively far from grocery stores, etc.	Over development / too rapid development. Population explosion and all the problems that come from that. Bad traffic.	Planning to leave in the future to be honest.	Sustainable infrastructure.	No comment	34473
8/11/2024 0:22	Slower living	Too many people	n/a	Sidewalks	I'm concerned we're losing too much of our green spaces, like farmland and woods	34476
8/11/2024 14:50	Open spaces	Allowing overgrowth	Stop overbuilding	Concerts, plays, festivals	For the love of God, stop allowing car washes and convenience stores on every block!! The beauty of Ocala is the horse farms, beautiful scenery - you have lost the vision of who we are!! If you want another Orlando, just move there! We are special and you are out of touch.	34470
8/11/2024 17:54	FL	Environment, regulatory enforcement, Storm water management	Beautiful land	FL	It would be a beautiful thing if Marion county would manage storm water drainage in communities like Summercrest more closely to assure our environment and natural resources remain protected. One of the things that attracted us here was the idea that Ocala had an abundance of horse farms and other beautiful real estate that preserves the land. Yet when we moved here we are having an opposite experience specifically because of the lack of enforcement of storm water drainage and environmental protection Marion is failing to provide in the new community we we moved into. The future is so bright here that I hope Marion county officials will take this seriously	34480
8/12/2024 16:46	Horse Farms, trails, springs	Growth and traffic	small town feel	indoor raquetball, pickleball	Stop allowing developers to build apartments. Maintain horse farms and green spaces in SW ocala side	34481

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8/12/2024 20:13	Beautiful horse farms	huge housing developments	Costco and sproutshea	Organic food sources	Don't Sarasota Marion County! They replaced farms with huge housing complexes and turned the area into a nightmare for residents. The traffic is horrible, restaurants and stores are too crowded, especially during 'season'. We moved back to Marion County to escape the madness. Where can we go if Ocala gets as bad??????? Maybe Citrus, Hernando.....	34481
8/12/2024 21:54	Green areas, distance between neighbors and overall tranquility	Excessive amount of new constructions, increase in traffic and not enough infrastructure to sustain the population growth, increase in crime and coverall increase in the cost of living due to	Keeping nature and green areas and limit the amount of permits issued for multi residential projects.	An auditorium venue for concerts and other events, local airport with at least 1 or 2 commercial airlines.	No additional comments for now.	34491
8/13/2024 4:12	safety	too many apartments	wec	shopping restaurants	everyone i know goes to villages, Orlando , Tampa , Gainesville etc for good restaurants , and good medical care need a moratorium on home building	34481
8/13/2024 9:50	Peace and privacy	Overpopulation	Cross Florida Greenway	Bike-ability	The current road infrastructure (and seemingly utility infrastructure) has not kept up with the vast population increase. Literally thousands and thousands of homes and apartments are being built but no other improvements are being made to help offset the increase in population. The building of massive new subdivisions should halted indefinitely until everything else is ready to handle it.	34476
8/13/2024 12:29	Quiet community. Not a lot of traffic.	Growth, Solid Waste concerns	Country living	Shops	I feel that Marion County should focus on the small town feel and not too much growth such as apartments, and too many new neighborhoods. Many people moved here to get away from large numbers of people and too much traffic. I feel that if Marion County continues to growth quickly, I for one will be leaving for a small rural feel somewhere else.	32113
8/13/2024 14:03	Quiet community in rural area	Over development	Nothing	Open space	Development is destroying the beauty this part of the county once had!	34476
8/13/2024 23:00	No overcrowding	Overcrowding, nature destruction	Population depresses me	Parks, protected areas	The developers need to be slowed down. There are several large cities in the state of Florida we don't need anymore. The natural beauty of Florida is being destroyed once it's gone. It's gone forever. Stop it now save our natural beauty..	34432
8/14/2024 12:55	Peaceful, safe, nature	Lack of cell towers. Poor cell service in 34476. Traffic is concerning, congested roads, lack of sidewalks in certain areas	Quiet streets, only local traffic. Trees on each property. Street lighting. Wider roads, sidewalks, easier access or better access to the I75 along Marion county.	Speed bumps along local roads, cell towers to support the growing need for cell service in newly developing areas in 34476	Need parks available in 34476 within SW Ocala	34476
8/14/2024 12:59	Economic opportunities	Poor political leadership	Growth	More restaurants/urban amenities	We have plenty of public amenities with our springs, state and national parks/forests and county parks. We need to focus on being more urban in our developing areas. We also need to stop giving hand outs to the transplant Wall Street horse farm owners who are only in it to keep the rest of us away from their huge horse farms. That's not conservation. Conservation are things like Silver Springs State Park or the Greenway that can be enjoyed by all residents.	34471

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8/14/2024 13:52	Nature, rural, agricultural	Excessive development, loss of nature	Hopes that it won't look like every other overdeveloped county	Co-op gardening and conservation preservation	Please Save our rural areas, wildlife habitats & recognize FI aquifers are already endangered due to overdevelopment. Florida is a unique eco system like no other in the world. Please stop destroying it for monetary reasons.	32113
8/14/2024 13:58	Quality of life	Too much growth	Love the area	Public shooting range	No	34482
8/14/2024 14:08	The close knit community	Roads, housing cost	The growth	paved roads in the country. Why do we still have main roads into communities that are dirt and not maintained by the county.	The housing is lacking in the area as well as paved roads. The roads in parts of Ocklawaha, Dunnellon, and other areas are so washed out after a hard rain they are almost impassable.	32179
8/14/2024 18:10	Trees. No subdivisions. Space.	Too many people. Losing horse farms.	Not sure.	Bike, pedestrian & golf cart trails. Open Space.	Need road improvements. Too many potholes & patches on some roads.	34488
8/15/2024 14:53	SAFE / QUITE / BEAUTIFUL	CRIME & TOO MUCH GROWTH	NOT EXCITED IM WORRIED	GROCERY STORES	PLEASE STOP BUILDING APARTMENTS	34432
8/15/2024 15:32	Farms and treea	Roads, population, building	Nothing	Conservation	Less building more farms and property left alone	34474
8/15/2024 17:43	Safety	Overpopulation and overcrowding	Programs for seniors	Convenient transportation for seniors	Way too much housing growth too quickly. The impact is unsustainable long term	34476
8/15/2024 19:31	Lack of traffic issues.	Degradation of the environment.	Public parks.	A water park.	An integrate park system that is close to where people live and has excellent amenities (nice bathrooms, recreation centers, indoor sports, etc.) would be ideal for our quality of life, physical and mental well-being. Nice, landscaped roads with trees and shade. We need shade everywhere: playgrounds, parking lots, etc. It is super hot outside and it is only going to get hotter.	34471
8/16/2024 23:49	actually having a deed restriction office, recreation center and an active community who cares.	Keeping our property value up	More stores hopefully being built on highway 484 like a Publix would be nice!	Publix near us	I hope we can have more stores on MO blvd or on 484. More roads that go through Marion Oaks to make us part of the rest of the community.	34473
8/17/2024 14:08	People, senior services, physical location	traffic, public transportation, increased crime	New restaurants, health care options, Buc-ee's	free/low-cost, large group, community use facilityfacilities for up to 500 persons; low-cost auto craft shop for DIY auto repair; Brightline train stop	Ocala is a GREAT place 2 live! Too many filling stations & accidents on I-75. Need covered bus stops with benches. A passenger airport would be FANTASTIC! Need free/low-cost facilities equipped with pottery wheels, kilns for ceramics, auto craft shop etc. for DIY activities where users can pay a reasonable fee to have access and where classes can also be taught.	34482
8/17/2024 14:33	Privacy	Over crowding not enough infrastructure	Natural environment left alone	Costco,	Not happy with all the housing developments	34491
8/18/2024 12:07	Nothing anymore	Too much development	Nothing	Sustainability	Keep the farms stop the development of ugliness	34480

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8/19/2024 17:43	Rural Farmland	Loss of Greenspaces	Balanced Growth	Reliable Public Transit	<p>The public buses/shuttles are not reliable and expensive and could definitely be improved.</p> <p>It would be very nice if we could work on the internet infrastructure for the county since in the eastern and western sides there is a big lack of reliable availability. There are still many people who work from home, homeschool, or otherwise rely on the internet for their livelihoods/ everyday functioning who could benefit from better infrastructure.</p> <p>I also feel that we should try to protect some of the greenspaces and farmland that we have in the county. There are many housing developments coming in, which, with the growth happening, are admittedly necessary, that have very little old growth greenspace.</p> <p>Also this may be a bit beyond what this survey is asking for, but I think Marion County really needs to address the homeless population in a more proactive way. There should be better resources, especially in the more rural areas, that provide shelter and help for homeless people.</p>	34481
8/19/2024 18:00	Agriculture, small town feel	Too many people moving here and too many unnecessary businesses being opened that dont do anything to keep the beauty of ocala (gas stations, storage centers, car washes, Lennar and DR Horton neighborhoods) Approve more diverse construction -	Quit allowing DR Horton and Lennar to buy up horse farms and change the zoning to residential so they can build the same house over and over again. It is not appealing	Diverse and beautiful construction - we are either full of the same type of business or residential neighborhoods or old run down strip mall areas. Clean it up. Allow others to come in to do it.	My biggest take away is to stop allowing these national builders to come in to build these cookie cutter homes. They are not built to quality and will be a deteriorating building in the next 10 years. All of these neighborhoods will be run down and they took up thousands of acres of viable space to build them. I understand that land owners have the right to sell but it shouldnt be allowed to change 1000 acres of A1 to R1 so DR Horton or Lennar can come in and build these ugly cookie cutter houses. Myself and plenty of other people I know are tired of seeing it. More focus needs to be put into beautifying silver springs road all the way from silver springs to Downtown Ocala. It is full of old strip malls and old restaurants. I have lived in Ocala for 34 years and I am appalled at what has been allowed to be done to the farmland, woods, and overall appeal of the town. The single family housing schemes need to be modeled after downtown Ocala is. Keep trees, spread houses out, etc.	34472
8/19/2024 18:07	Home paid off	Poor public education	Potential future change	Quality dining	None	34472
8/19/2024 18:37	Trails, Waterways, Nature, Outdoors	Safety, Traffic, Public spaces being overrun with foot-traffic and deteriorating (Parks, Libraries, Trails, and associated restrooms)	Preserving what makes Marion such a great place to live in the first place: Trees, farms, forests, waterways, peace and quiet.	Open space: development is ruining what makes Marion County such a special place.	Stop development. Our county needs to catch up with the huge influx of new development and people. Marion County Fire Rescue still has staffing and pay issues which need to be addressed before we keep building and adding on to their call load. We need to take care of the people already in the county, especially those in service, before we spend our limited resources accommodating new development.	34480
8/20/2024 3:22	Natural Farm Setting	To much growth	New Library	proper infrastructure walk ability	Marion County is a big county and we have more and more people moving here but we are keeping with doctors to care for all the new people moving here. We need roads to be widen to so we carry can the number of auto on roads. We are losing green space to more housing. Maybe if we had mass transit that would help people use buses instead of driving but bus routes are limited.	34476

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8/20/2024 14:05	Safety	Crime, traffic	Safe	Silver Spring Park, wild waters	Hope my Great grandchild enjoy the safety and activities as my children have over the year. Great community, schools, neighborhood and friendly.	34479
8/21/2024 15:30	Land-space	traffic, overcrowded, mini-Orlando	nothing anymore	Senior affordable living	Affordable living for Seniors is extreemly needed. Waiting list for the few ones around are around 2 yrs. Traffic has been an issue since we moved here in 2004 and it just keeps getting worse. There are times it seems something is getting fixed, to see that it is a bandade thatdidn't help and actaully was a waste of money that could have been toward fixing problem. The entire SW 27th Ave/475A from SW 42nd S to 484 Hwy needs expanded and 66th Ave crossing at least from SW 200 to that intersection. Actual long turn lanes every on every roa at the intersection at 66th and 475A. Round-about would be a disaster waiting to happen. It is bad daily not to mention when accidents happen oh 75 hwy and the added traffic travels 475A. Semis and cars all need to be able to move safely. Glad to see it lloks like at least part of this is being addressed. Please continue it on to fix entire problem.	34476
8/22/2024 19:59	The rural areas ; no traffic	Urban growth, overcrowding	Keep the rural environment	Sustainable infrastructure	Marion County is growing too fast and if we are not careful, it will become another Miami, Orlando, Tampa, or Gainesville.	34479
8/22/2024 21:01	nature and wildlife	over-development	end of the over development	safe roads	the businesses, infrastructure and law enforcement are the standards of a rural county, yet the current residential over-development is creating population expansion that this county is ill-equipped to handle.	34480
8/23/2024 21:31	Quality of Life	Growth supported by projected expenditures	The quality of its leadership	Planned groth	Planned growth is more important than just putting homes on land. It requires a plan that takes into account lot size, free space and recreational space combined with roads that can handle the estimated population increase.	32162
8/24/2024 0:29	Currently not a lot	Too many repeat businesses like car washes. It's out of hand	Currently not much	Something for the younger crowd. Bring back a water park	Less car washes, dollar stores, and storage units and something families and the younger crowd can enjoy! We have the perfect spot for a water park where wild waters used to be. We don't need 3 of the same restaurants like chick fila within 2 miles of each other. We literally only have a skate park for the younger people and not all of that crowd likes to skate. If we bring in things they can do where they can have fun it'll stop alot of the bad behaviors we see: they're bored!	34480
8/24/2024 17:47	active senior communities	crime, vagrancy, traffic	business growth, mass transit,	walk-ability,employment opportunities, sustainable infrastructure ,	Stop land clearing by BURNING - it emits toxic chemicals; we have enough vape shops, pot shops, and car washes, strip malls that sit empty for years; how about business like more healthcare, senior centers, grocery stores, etc. CR 484 is 4 corners of NOTHING but a closed Citgo and bar - build another Target to compete with Walmart - which is WAY OVERCROWDED!	34481
8/26/2024 13:38	Nature, rural atmosphere	Rapid growth, traffic	Positive growth & opportunities	Better infrastructure & roads	More green spaces and trees are needed. It is sad to see all of the trees taken down with no replacement.	34473
8/27/2024 2:15	The weather, friendly people and immigrant labor	Out of control development, lack of county's concern for it's citizens and unsafe traffic conditions	There is nothing to be excited about with the direction our county commissioners are taking us	Responsible development, traffic management and control and respect for our environment and resources	It appears that the county traffic division is working for the ambulance chasing lawyers. The accidents and fatalities are uncalled for.	34476

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8/27/2024 19:56	The natural landscape	Losing our natural landscape	Enjoying natural landscape	Conservation	Marion County is losing very quickly its natural landscape due to excess building of homes and businesses. There are many places constructed that have been vacant for a long time. Our horse farms are disappearing. Many folks relocated to MC to escape the overcrowding and busyness but are now encountering the same issue once again here in MC.	34476
8/28/2024 15:34	Rural, quiet, safe	Low density housing	Rural, good property value	Conservation space	Rezoning of agricultural land into car washes, strip malls and high density housing will destroy what makes Ocala unique. Let's stop allowing South FL builders and WEC to commercialize Ocala's atmosphere of easy country living. We have major entertainment amenities within 2 hours of Ocala. Let's not become Orlando. Two critical points: 1. It is vital that builders shoulder the financial impact of their development on law enforcement, roads and schools — not taxpayers. 2. FLORIDA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING should be mandatory for all developers, especially for retirement communities and golf courses. Thank you.	34480
8/29/2024 12:33	Green Space	overbuilding residences	rural atmosphere	adequate roads	Many people came to Ocala based on what it was like a few years ago. Now the county is being filled with cheap track homes and rental communities. This is not why my wife and I, and others we know, came here and it is not what we want. Seems there is unbridled growth.	34476
8/29/2024 21:32	Rural atomsphere,	Unchecked growth	Limiting growth	Eco-tourism Silver Springs preservation	None	34479
8/30/2024 1:58	Nature, community, arts	Poor education funding	Expanding services, diversity	Sidewalks, libraries, museums	As the population in this area continues to expand, I believe finding ways to fund education, be it through schools, library services, or the arts, will benefit the whole population; creating a strong community that adheres to ethical and moral standards.	34472
8/30/2024 10:34	My Church	Maricamp road in the Shores area will always have the worst traffic congestion and accidents	Buckys	Blight control in the Shores. To many places have not been kept up to any standard.	I think Marion County does a good job of contributing to all aspects of our county. My only concern is the recent information I heard on the forest area and the people that live out there. Living in the Shores has been a good experience. I do have many concerns about the indigent people walking back-and-forth every day.	34472
8/31/2024 14:06	Safe, Affordable,Spacious	Crime,Taxes,Overcrowding	Stable leadership	Lower taxes	Dont overdevelop	34491
8/31/2024 16:44	Water springs	High utility bill more taxes	Nearby springs	Aquatic parks amusement more trees	Marion oaks needs a Walmart And another exit and entrance to the freeway It takes 1 hour to 2 hours just seating on SW Highway 484 To get 75 freeway It's ridiculous	34473
9/1/2024 3:33	The beauty and nature	Over development	The nature around us	Nothing	Please stop overdeveloping Ocala.	34476
9/2/2024 1:02	The rural/country feel.	Growth and not enough roads	Being 1-2 hrs away from everything	Fireworks, dog parks/swimming area	None	34482
9/2/2024 16:07	greenery, rural/urban mix	overdevelopment	WEC impacts	senior employment opportunities	N/a	34482
9/2/2024 19:34	Quiet neighborhoods, big lot houses, forest	Overcrowded cities and neighborhoods, drugs, crime	Horse ranches, big lot houses, open spaces	More conservation and open spaces	Big lot houses, horse ranches, and conservation of natural reserve spaces are very important and what makes Marion County a great place to live.	34480
9/3/2024 2:49	Peace and nature	Too many people	Better parks	Idk	N/a	34479
9/3/2024 2:50	The forest	I fear losing it's natural glow	I hope to see more nature conservation	Rural Litter cleanup	.	34479

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9/3/2024 3:00	Natural woods, parks, lots of options for recreation	The amount of people that are moving here every day concerns me. I do not want the state parks and natural land to be built on. My fiancé is a native American and it's not fair to him to take his land AGAIN	I love Marion County exactly as it is now. I was born and raised in Marion County and I am going to raise my children here one day. We are going to need state parks and natural woods to play at and explore. I am not excited about any of the "projections"	Nothing. I believe that we have an abundance of community assets already.	Thank you for your time and for surveying	34491
9/3/2024 12:57	Maintain natural resources	Over development, traffic	Maintaining horse country atmosphere	walk-ability, open space	No comments.	34420
9/3/2024 13:57	Peace and Quiet	Overpopulation, Traffic & Crime	Not Very Much	Protection from overgrowth	Our county is growing far faster than it should be. We are destroying our green spaces in the name of greed and population. our county officials need to balance the desire to keep Marion a quiet county with the needs of the people by listening to the people who have been here for multiple generations instead of all of the people moving here from out of state bring the problems of traffic and crime with them. Further, the cost of living is pricing our children out of the concept of the American dream of owning a home. Costs keep rising and although wages have increased it is not keeping up, especially with inflation. I am a 5th generation Marion County resident and can barely afford to live in the county. we need common sense growth constraints while providing opportunity to those who have been here, not just incentivizing others to move here. Just slow it down, build the infrastructure before the growth, keep the cart behind the horse. Not complicated.	32113
9/4/2024 11:12	Roads with beautiful horse farms	Urban sprawl, poor planning. Replacing our natural environment with strip malls, apartment complexes, and car washes.	Not sure yet. Might move if current trend holds.	Things to do, culture	Keep green space as much as possible. We need open fields more than another storage facility.	34482
9/4/2024 11:45	Horse farms	Overdevelopment	WEC	Nothing	N/A	32686
9/5/2024 9:25	The location and people	Too many people	Nothing	Things to do	There needs to be cost effective things for children/teens to do. Skating, limited hour community pools, a mall that has unpopular stores, and no fun activities for them only leads to trouble.	34480
9/7/2024 1:11	Rural atmosphere with easy access to hospital and major stores	Too much development	Nothing, it's ruined	Tree preservation	The government has ruined Marion County. I no longer enjoy living here because of the over development of the southwestern part of the county. What a shame!	44473
9/9/2024 18:32	Natura quiet space	May change the quite environment	The growth Marion is getting, may increase capital inflow	Access and guidance to small business resources	I suggest implementing more accessible programs to support entrepreneurs, especially young people, in developing their projects and staying in Marion County. With proper resources and training, we can foster local innovation and retain young talent to boost our community's economic growth	34491
9/9/2024 19:31	Transportation and growth	Not enough work for the community to maintain the growth of the city	The growth of the city	Fun activities and educational activities for the youth	Please we need to make sure we have good paying jobs for our community and enforce strict control on drugs like herion and meth which is ruining our community.	34470
9/9/2024 22:31	green spaces the beauty of nature	too many rental properties; too many homeless	preservation	library resources	NA	34482
9/10/2024 13:01	Open spaces, horse friendly	Too much growth and overdelopment	Nothing	Lack of good roads and infrastructure	The best thing that Marion County has to offer is its natural resources. Maintaining these resources and creating more opportunities for residents to enjoy them should be our priority.	32617
9/10/2024 17:00	Peace, affordable housing, land	Animal cruelty and animal dumping	Just moved here and was excited about the county but then realized how many people dump and abuse animals. Ridiculous that nothing has been done yet to punish these people or help these poor babies.	Hidden cameras to catch people that dump animals, especially in Marion Oaks. HUGE problem.	Please add hidden cameras and resources for people who dump and abuse animals. More shelters are needed as well.	34473

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9/10/2024 18:40	COMMUNITY, PERFECTLY LOCATED	CRIME, TO MUCH GROWTH	HOPE, FAITH, PRAYERS	THING FOR THE YOUTH	NO	34480
9/11/2024 0:34	Affordable	Schools, traffic, deforestation	Growth	Shopping not on 200	None	34476
9/11/2024 2:12	Ina Colen Academy	Overcrowding, excessive building	Wider roads	Sustainable infrastructure	We love Marion county but are very frustrated with the irresponsible rate of new home construction. The roads are not wide enough, the schools are not big enough, medical services are not plentiful enough for all of the people that these homes are attracting. It feels like an apartment complex is being squeezed into every small pocket of space available. The county is growing in population, but doesn't seem to be growing in any other capacity that matters. The libraries are shamefully small and inefficient. It takes months to get established as a new patient at any doctor's office. A small town feel is only nice when it's occurring in a small town. Our population is growing and everything else needs to start growing with it.	34474
9/11/2024 12:39	Nature, Conservation, Peace	Capacity of Incoming residents	Focus on Conservation	More sidewalks/bikepaths	I would love to see Marion County focus and expand more on conservation of the forest and wildlife. We have so many people moving here and we are cutting down vital ecosystems and I would like to see the wildlife win.	34472
9/11/2024 17:35	Safety, ownership cleanliness	Don't want city living	Beautiful horse farms	Garbage collection	If you are allowing more farms to turn into apartments MC needs to create roads with 3 lanes in both way. Hwy 484, 49 Ave Rd and 66th St.	34473
9/11/2024 19:17	trees, space, quietness	Congestion, infrastructure, booming growth	Nature, natural beauty	bicycle and pedestrian sidewalks	Too many large apartment complexes with no supporting infrastructure such as adequate roads, schools, food stores. Poor walking neighborhoods, you have to use a car for just about everything.	34474
9/11/2024 21:53	Less traffic	Traffic and infrastructure not being able to support growth	Public spaces and services	Public transportation outside of the city	Too much traffic on one side of the county is creating a giant problem. Building on SW area must stop. We lack the infrastructure required for sustainability.	34476
9/12/2024 9:24	Rural areas and open spaces	Over development	Nothing worried about urbanization	Preserving rural identity	Ocala is rapidly becoming a poor example of overdevelopment without a sense of responsibility. The unique flavor of our town is being wiped away by car washes, gas stations and cheap apartment complexes. College Road is now an ugly, congested sprawl of urban development. The town should adapt a planning vision that values maintaining the personality of Mation County while resisting the urge to approve every building application.	34474
9/12/2024 23:44	The Rural Horse Farms.	Excessive Constuction.	Devastation of land.	Growth Restraint.	No more reckless growth please.	34474
9/13/2024 2:37	It was quiet	Too much development	Not much	Open space	Stop overdeveloping our area. Stop. It. Now	32179
9/13/2024 13:01	Quiet, large piece of land	Too many stores	Hopefully that road issue has stopped, interstate freeway	Things for kids to go to	Nothing	34432
9/13/2024 17:04	Places to shop that aren't overcrowded. Low crime rate.	Lack of things to do that appeals to all races, poor traffic flow and road design for our growing population.	Nothing	Need more family entertainment, family restaurants, activities for children and teens, another entertainment area for adults other than downtown, reopen Wildwaters or a water park for people to enjoy as a family.	We have poor road quality. Trash along roads and grass that need to be maintained. South 441 just under the overpass is an eye sore. The wrong plants were planted there and there is no consistent maintenance. Not enough access roads to shopping. Sams Club needs to relocate or have more access roads. Traffic flow in Ocala is horrible. North bound traffic at 62nd and 441 need to slow down by installing a light. Need more family entertainment, family restaurants, activities for children and teens, another entertainment area for adults other than downtown, reopen Wildwaters or a water park for people to enjoy as a family. Rent is too high for the low salaries in Marion County.	34480

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9/13/2024 19:09	Rural agriculture zoned	Rate of growth without adequate infrastructure	I'm fearful that the rampant growth will make us like cities that we find undesirable	Transportation	Please make effort to notify community of zoning changes and listen to citizens. Please work on apparent conflicts of interest	34480
9/13/2024 20:16	Safety	Traffic is horrible , school population is crazy , no enough kids zone to play, empty shelf at supermarket , no enough shopping centers in our area	Nothing	Kids zone to play , parks , etc .only adult stuff	The lines to get in the school are crazy , built more schools and more kids zone , the traffic horrible , we need more shopping center. More supermarkets	34473
9/13/2024 21:52	Less crowded	Increased population/traffic	Less population density	Enough parks	Keeping development minimal	34471
9/13/2024 21:59	Kinda Peaceful	Over Population	Not Very Much	Nothing	This peaceful community has, and still is, turned into places like LA, NYC, Miami, etc. Stop approving all this nonsense building. We have more than enough hi-rises, community housing, and eating establishments. Just stop this appearance of trying to control growth, etc. I've lived in Ocala since 1988 and never has our streets been paved, but I look around and I see new paved streets everywhere. Woopie! Our streets just got the center lines painted. Each time the patchwork people come by and fix potholes they do a very very poor job. The potholes open right back up after a good rain	34470
9/14/2024 15:51	Rural, agriculture, trees	Over development	Clean environment	Neighborhood watches	More agriculture activities such as farmers markets, animal opportunities	34481
9/15/2024 0:06	The space between property	Price on property and greedy landlords more	More opportunities for growth	Not allowing the residents that grew up in the county to prosper	The opportunity for the residents to purchase property before the people that move in and over price or take up the space with building instead of providing transportation and opportunity for youth and seniors to enjoy their community.	32617
9/15/2024 12:35	Nothing	Everything	Nothing	Green Space	The City & County together are running this place into the ground, into a place where all they care about it tearing out trees and building cookie cutter cheap housing. The traffic on 200, 40, 441, pretty much every main artery is a joke over 75% of the time. It takes forever to get around town. Tearing out lovely green space for housing. I left an area because of so called "progress " like this. All it did was bring crime and rising costs. And I will be leaving this place soon enough as yall will have turned this into the same type of shithole. Not to mention the shady shit thats done to approve this building. City council members voting on large projects that they own. Padding their own pockets. So congrats Ocala & Marion County for ruining what was once a decent place and choking on the dick of big time money just to sell out the citizens of this County and City that actually cared	34479
9/15/2024 16:03	easy to live	over-crowding/building	can't say	mom/pop restaurants	It appears as though Ocala is losing what distinguishes it from other Florida towns: horse & cattle ranches & forest areas being sold and replaced with apartment buildings and housing communities. I am concerned the the natural infrastructure will be compromised, not to mention the additional strain on roads, schools, etc., and the additional traffic. I would love to see FL adopt a requirement for vehicle inspections which would be necessary for licensing and insuring operating vehicles.	34480

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9/16/2024 13:49	Quiet farmland living	uncontrolled growth	peaceful, quiet living	growth without infrastructures	Roads are already crowded and there are 1,000s of new homes being built or proposed We need roads before approval of more new construction of homes	34479
9/17/2024 16:09	space	cost of housing	not sure	houses that are affordable	none	34481
9/18/2024 21:05	Nature	Losing natural areas & resources	A Costco is coming	Sustainable infrastructure	New retail & dining establishments should NOT use undeveloped land.	34431
9/21/2024 10:12	Beautiful horse farms	Traffic, subdivisions, overcrowding	Growth in the Arts	Paved walking/biking trails in NW	There needs to be mass transit or bike lanes out to WEC - too many bike riders make it unsafe for them and drivers on the backroads. We need a park like Baseline n the Northwest past of the county. Please stop the growth explosion. Its ruining a previously great place to live.	34482
9/22/2024 11:39	??	Too much growth	Not anymore	NOT enough Green!	You asked in the Ocala Public Library on your poster, "We need your feedback on how best to manage growth guide our community ." You should have asked is at the BEGINNING of your building ,NOT NOW! We all know you have no intention of changing anything now Instead of speaking to your builders then, but we are no dummies here in Marion County. We know it's too late for your buddies to stop building. This poster is actually an "INSULT TO OUR INTELLIGENCE!" But, you have created serious congestion for the future of the "200 Corridor!" And all the citizens of fMarion YOU ALL THINK ALIKE.	34481
10/2/2024 14:17	Nothing this county don't care about their citizens	New politicians. That care about the well been of their citizens	Better jobs ,better pay,better resources, better transportation	Resources to help .this hurricane hit and their was 0 help from our county	We need better transportation we have alot of elder people that live here.and better resources. We need the county to work for us . Not the other way around	34488
10/3/2024 13:47	Its getting too congested. Too much traffic!! Roads are bad.	The population and there's no big businesses are moving here except car washes,gas stations storage and restaurants!!	I was excited but not any more.	You need more bicycle infrastructure and proper bus transportation.	I think its time we stopped constructing more and more houses here. The population that's moving hre is NOT sustainable for our "poor "economy.	34474
10/3/2024 14:14	FL	FL	FL	FL	I'm very concerned about improper mixing of zoning in the next plan . Issues like food trucks being in areas they should not be like the Food truck parking area on SR 484 past the new Wawa. Nothing is to code and the place is a menace to traffic when trailers are pulling in and leaving. That place surely is running without the proper approvals. Thank You	34471
10/4/2024 20:42	peace and quiet	non-sustainable growth rate	N/A	infrastructure to accomodate growth	Marion County is a great place yet it faces explosive growth in a short amount of time with mass production of housing yet no infrastructure in place to accommodate it. Efforts are being made as we speak to scale to meet this growth however every week new projects are approved thus making this a catchup game we are not going to win.	34491
10/4/2024 20:57	It's just a place to live.	Poor wages.	Not much.	Employment opportunities, access to the arts.	All are important.	34491-2012
10/5/2024 1:42	Horse farms	Over development	Gradual growth	Infrastructure	Need grocery store, publix in or near Marion Oaks	34473
10/10/2024 7:09	Profession	Traffic, crime rate	Nothing	Something for young people that is not crime or drugs	Need more affordable housing	34479

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10/26/2024 16:58	Convenience, surrounding forests	Traffic, overdevelopment and safety	Nothing, replacing commissioners	Impact fees, traffic engineering, planning	This county is controlled by out of touch individuals that ignore the public. They are promoting overdevelopment with no impact fees which put a financial burden on existing residents. Traffic congestion and engineering are a disaster. I feel every commissioner and traffic engineer should be replaced for dereliction of duty.	34476
11/27/2024 10:44	Peace, quiet, community	Over building and overcrowding with constant increase in living	Being able to live	Pool, internet	Get reliable Internet, get rid of HOA's and deed restrictions. Hold the builders accountable for shotty work, not cleaning up worksites	34473
11/27/2024 20:22	Green Clean Spaces	high density housing	Horse Farms Forever	sustainable infrastructure	Water withdrawal concerns	34432
12/10/2024 16:14	Country setting	Over development	Slowing development	Buses	The housing needs to slow down and the road catch up please!	34420
12/10/2024 16:42	Quiet, country setting	Too much growth, traffic	Nothing	Road planning	Stop the growth, start better road planning. Enforce noise ordinances. More police in neighborhood.	34473
12/10/2024 16:47	Community, small town vibes, horse farms and open land	Influx of people directly related to all the developments, the surge of traffic that we are already experiencing increasing, animal services not getting any more budget funding when our animal population has skyrocketed in the last 5 years	Reverting back to a more slow paced way of living, affordable living for people who have been here, spay/neuter movements	Open space conservation areas, our entire county is being engulfed by developments faster than we can keep up.	We are the horse capital of the world, but it's starting to look and feel like any other metro area in Florida while I watch our horse farms & open areas diminish. The amount of abandoned buildings left to collapse while we keep putting in apartments is sickening.	34420
12/10/2024 16:55	Nothing!	County spending and building	Moving out	Compassionate Animal Care	You don't want my additional comments on what I think of Marion county commissioners	34432
12/10/2024 17:06	Peace and quiet, with neighbors our age.poor	Poor growth planning.	Entertainment, stores, restaurants	Good paying jobs	Poor planning for roads. Right now either way we exit our development we run into construction and large lines of traffic and it will be this way for years.	34473
12/10/2024 17:07	Culture, Family oriented, horse farms	Traffic, Roads, schools	Growth of businesses	Bicycle, pedestrian's safety	Traffic becoming a nightmare in Ocala, especially in school zones. Roads need to be completed to divert traffic around the county.	34474
12/10/2024 18:07	peace and quiet	over developing	focus on residents	sustainable growth plans	Sustainable growth that includes easy to access amenities for existing residents.	34473
12/10/2024 18:10	Safe feeling,country vibe,	Traffic	Nothing	Lack of roads and traffic police	Traffic is horrific! Not enough exits on/off highways	34473
12/10/2024 18:17	Friendliness	Overbuilding without upgraded infrastructure to support.	Equestrian Center & related growth	Lack of either ordinances or law enforcement to keep roads litter free & dumpy houses not brought up to standards	Need more free or low cost child & family friendly centers - rock walls, zip lines in park. If there is nothing for young people to do then they are going to find trouble	34473
12/10/2024 18:19	Community, quiet, rural	Infrastructure	Opportunities	Parks	N/A	34432
12/10/2024 18:24	The wildlife and ruralness	Overdevelopment, clear cutting land	At this rate, nothing	Commissioners listening to their constituents	STOP OVERDEVELOPING OUR COUNTY WITH NO CARE ABOUT THE CURRENT RESIDENTS OR THE INFRASTRUCTURE!!!!!!!!!! DISPLACING WILDLIFE & CLEAR CUTTING LAND WITH NO TREES IN SIGHT THIS ISNT ORLANDO!!!	34432
12/10/2024 18:34	The decent temperature in January	rich not helping	will be leaving	parks South of Belleview	Marion County needs to bring up the roads and infrastructure in some areas of the county that look "left behind" before moving forward. Get rid of the dirt roads in R-1 neighborhoods. Clean up the ROWs in these areas- proper drainage, street lighting, maybe lighted school bus stops?	34491/34420
12/10/2024 18:34	Safe community	Too much growth, houses and unwanted businesses	I have more concern than excitement	Not enough things to do for the youth especially teens and young adults.	There are too many unwanted businesses such as car washes and storage facilities. There are also too many housing communities but not enough infrastructure for all the families.	34470
12/10/2024 19:09	Quite, nature,	Traffic.	Leaving	Road planning.	Miss our country life.	34488

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12/10/2024 19:26	It's not Orlando	Turning into Orlando	Nothing, over development	Better roads	Marion County has exploded in the last few years and the buildup has far surpassed the infrastructure and roads. What used to take 5 minutes now takes 15 and it is getting worse. I liked Ocala because it was a small city that was not overcrowded. These high density developments are killing Ocala.	34481
12/10/2024 19:38	Quietness, Cleaness, Air quality	Traffic, Air, Congestion	Country, Quietness, Restaurants & Stores	Walkability, Bikeability, Buss	N/A	34476
12/10/2024 19:41	Greenway horse trails	Development	Parks	More parks	Please include horse trails, separate bike trails and walking trails in most parks	34475
12/10/2024 20:04	being rural	growth with no plan	Horse industry	conservation	have a plan for the infrastructure that matches the amount of growth that you approve. Remember what make Marion county the horse economy	32113
12/10/2024 21:09	Open spaces, recreational opportunities, lower taxes	TRAFFIC, Development, Quality Healthcare	Food options, weather, cost of living	Roadway infrastructure	Be smarter with development. Too much building and lack of infrastructure to match.	34473
12/10/2024 21:26	Low traffic	Overdevolpment kmpact on water and wildlife	Getting a Costco	Major artery roads	New MCAS facility over-funded	34476
12/10/2024 21:36	Conveniences	Too much growth	Protected farm lands	Not enough parks	Marion county is truly a great place. I would like to see it remain that way.	34474
12/10/2024 21:47	Cost of living	Cost of living	Bangin downtown	Timely infrastructure repairs	Work on encouraging low cost housing options	34480
12/10/2024 23:11	Wildlife Fauna acreage	Traffic infrastructure crime	Equestrian sports	Costco, fresh produce, shopping	More infrastructure before growth Housing/transit options for people working on horse farms	32686
12/10/2024 23:16	Peace beauty	Building	Nothing	Quality of life	Your building too much too fast. We're going to end up, looking like a rundown city.	34473
12/10/2024 23:27	Single family home	Uncontrolled growth	Nothing anymore.	Parks	Traffic is unbearable. Turn lanes are non-existent for the most part. Developers are running rampant with no plan for impact of traffic.	34474
12/11/2024 0:10	Quiet street	Growth destroying Marion County	Not much now	Conservation not rampant growth	The housing is so overbuilt that amenities will never keep pace with population, nor will infrastructures.	34476
12/11/2024 0:31	Right now NOTHING!	Over built, congested, urban decay	My dream was tajeen	Planned roads	We moved here because of the rural feel, beautiful horse farms, low traffic. The county commissioners have destroyed our dream.	34473
12/11/2024 0:38	Ag heritage and open spaces	Unfettered development	Conservation opportunities	Neighborhood parks	Please don't not try to turn Marion County into a series of Lakewood Ranch developments that devolve into sterile traffic-knotted nightmares with nothing but national chain businesses filling strip malls. Character cannot be created instantaneously.	34482
12/11/2024 0:46	The land.	Too much development	i am worried	Rails to Trails bike system	I think the county misses many opportunities by not planning properly and insisting that developers include larger parks, more recreation amenities, and interesting commercial components. There should be more mixed use properties and more innovative development.	34471
12/11/2024 2:37	Used to be the land	Overgrowth	Voting out the SW county commissioner	None of the parks are updated	Please for the love of god, stop over building. I called zoning when I bought my house years ago, and they told me the forest behind my house was a wildlife management area that could never be built on. Fast forward to this year and it's going to a 300 house PUD. Traffic in sw is a nightmare. An old commute that used to take 17 minutes, now takes 32. Parks are overrun and old. SW has become an absolute nightmare. The school system is overpopulated, with the new schools being built are doing so to alleviate current overcrowd schools. But where are the children from the new builds to go? Everything in the county has become a mess.	34476
12/11/2024 2:38	Not being crowded	The loss of our land to new construction, and traffic.	Nothing	Open space	Save our land, no more housing development.	32179

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12/11/2024 10:41	Open spaces and rural farmland.	Urban sprawl.	Protecting the Farmland Preservation Area	A culture of conservation.	The PSA concept is hard to understand because you don't define where it will be used. The answers change completely inside/outside the rural areas.	34482
12/11/2024 10:44	Santos trails	Low paying jobs	Nothing	Actual parks	There has always been a low wage environment here, but housing cost have doubled in the last 3 years and there is no modern infrestucture here.	34475
12/11/2024 11:42	Not a lot of development	Safety	Preservation of land	Community recreation center	Do not build like wildwood, it's very detrimental to people, the economy and environment	32179
12/11/2024 12:12	Space..wildlife..trees	Too many people..infrastructure doesn't support influx	Nothing excites me..its all poor planning	Open space	No	34470
12/11/2024 13:29	Nature	Traffic congestion	Protecting our farmlands	More responsive police, animals control	Modify building zoning, need more mobile home areas, also need codes allowing ADU's	34431
12/11/2024 14:16	The quiet and friendliness	Roads and growth	Keeping small town feel	Sustainable infrastructure	Hhhhh	34480
12/11/2024 15:42	small town feel	growth	limiting growth	sane growth control	quit piling housing on without infrastructure planning and development fees to cover it.	34470
12/11/2024 18:19	rural, nature, quiet	conurbation, ecocide, traffic	farms, horses, downtown	horse trails	Marion County's primary asset is horse farms, which is why the World Equestrian Center (WEC) was built here. Both the farms and the WEC attract wealthy individuals who increase the tax base and generate greater employment opportunities. Thus, the horse farms must be preserved (not allowed to be rezoned!) in order for Ocala/Marion County to maintain its appeal. Yet despite the WEC, many equestrians are fleeing the county because of urban sprawl and dwindling of horse-centric planning.	34475
12/11/2024 18:34	Open spaces	Growth without preservation	Generations enjoying ONF	Schools NE county	As a parent and grandparent of school age children there is a need for a middle/high school in our area. This allow students and parents to be more involved in education as well as extra curricular activities. We are forgotten.	34488
12/11/2024 20:13	Neighbors	Roadways	Nothing	Sustainable infrastructure	Nothing to add	34476
12/11/2024 20:30	Location	Stop building	Not seeing housing	Side walks	Stop building and taking away beautiful ocala. We are going to be the next Miami or Orlando. Preserve the land. You can't get it back.	34479
12/12/2024 2:15	Beautiful, Low cost of living, great weather	Traffic and lack of foresight for population explosion	Culture, nature, and peaceful living	Conservation of land	Marion County roads are not ready for the continuous influx of people. Other than that I love it here!	34480
12/12/2024 18:43	Being far away from the constant over development for the time being	The Infrastructure we have is not being maintained properly & developers are putting a strain on resources.	Our future is screwed with who we have making decisions in government. They put their friends and own bank accounts as priorities over average citizens. At this point we are quickly becoming a suburb of the villages & Orlando.	Common sense leadership	PSAs are a waste of money. Tax money should not be wasted paying engineers for plans and designs. Why make a designated space instead of protect everyone's right to choose where they go & what they do. Stop acting like people's parents & stop being an over reaching oppressive government.	34432
12/13/2024 15:43	Less development	Too much growth	Moving away	Undeveloped land	Stop building	34480
12/13/2024 20:28	Quiet	No grocery stores	To many homes	Lack of shopping	Too many homes not enough grocery stores	34473
12/13/2024 23:43	Horse area	To many house's	Nothing	Stuff for teenagers	Less housing	34480
12/14/2024 2:06	Used to be pleasant with trees and no congestion	Destruction of farms and trees and too crowded	Moving away after 3 decades	Restaurants with healthy food	None	34480

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12/14/2024 2:11	Ocala National Forest	Population-crowding-traffic	Less traffic	Repairing potholes, sidewalks	Trees, farms, beautification using native landscaping. Like Ocala used to be. The Hilton hides downtown-wish the grass area was still there. Charging for parking to shop seems wrong for small town charm. Plus there's not enough parking in front of shops. Good bye old Ocala. Silver Springs Area used to be great. Now it's sad to see. The shell shop was replaced with the ugliest retention area in Marion County. Six Gun replaced with a shopping mall with no remnants of 6-gun but it's namesake. Just look at some old post cards and see what looks better- then or now.	34488
12/14/2024 2:19	Quiet	Too many people	Not sure	Garbge pickup	Na	34482
12/14/2024 2:59	Rural farms	Development	Horse Farms Forever	Transportation	Stop developments, provide amenities for residents, develop better traffic conditions.	34482
12/14/2024 3:26	Horse farms and community activities.	Traffic, overbuilding, overpopulation!	Better roads	Sustainable infrastructure!	Please stop the uncontrolled building!	34473
12/14/2024 5:49	Horses! Farms. Trails	Over development	Horse services & support	Protected horse farms	No density close to farms,	34491
12/14/2024 11:04	Small town appeal	The numerous developments being approved without proper infrastructure. The traffic is getting overwhelming.	Unable to find excitement	Conservation and open spaces are being gobbled up by developers and "car washes"	It appears our community is being sold out with no thought to the quality of living.	34482
12/14/2024 12:34	Safety	Road safety	Potential	Opportunity for youth	As a new resident, I am appalled by the lack of concern for the safety of the citizens here. The school zones are incredibly dangerous with zero police presence to protect the safety of drivers. Kids having to pull out onto 55Mph roads with no traffic lights is shameful. The school system is also incredibly behind. Teenagers are competing with adults here for minimum wage jobs. The county needs to focus on safety first, which means increasing police presence and appropriately managing resources for this. And second, corporate businesses should be incentivized to establish location within Marion county. This would open up higher paying jobs for adults and encourage people with more education to relocate here and to stay. The children of this county deserve so much better and as a new resident, it is really heartbreaking to see the lack of opportunity or concern for their future.	34432
12/14/2024 13:14	Open space	Over development	Horse country leader	Technology job opportunities	No	34482
12/14/2024 13:35	Not much	Crashing down	Moving away	All of the above	You're allowing too much residential growth right now... where are the people who are going to move into the hundreds of apartments built? Why would they live here when there's no mass transit, and really not much to do - I fear the crash of the county and empty buildings	34481
12/14/2024 14:24	Smaller size.	Rapid growth.	Presevation.	Sustainable infrastructure.	This one is confusing. "If I have.... " But won't accept the survey because this is required?	34473
12/14/2024 14:33	Greenway	over building of houses on small lots, large trees are not able to grow because they will uproot foundations and sidewalks because th houses are too close togeth	slowing the growth. Letting the infrastructure catch up	more conservation or green space in these developments	I feel the developers should have to pay impact fees to pay for the destruction of roads caused by heavy equipment, more sewage, more trash, overcrowding of schools and roads.	34476
12/14/2024 14:47	WIDE OPEN LAND	OVER DEVELOPMENT	LEAVING	BETTER PUBLIC TRANSIT	DEVELOPMENT IS NOT PROGRESS. People moved to Marion County for the beauty and the small town life. I am heart sick as I have watched "progress" turn pastures into plazas, hotels, apartments, and new neighborhoods. The things that drew us to the area are rapidly disappearing . Residents here never wanted what what Orlando, Tampa, Daytona, have to offer.	34482

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12/14/2024 15:49	Privacy	Roads. Building without the infrastructure.	Diversity	Roads	Infrastructure!!! Roads, stop lights, traffic enforcement!!!	34482
12/14/2024 17:48	Horse farms, space, rural landscape	overpopulation, traffic, disappearing land due to high density housing.	Horse farms, horse activities, horse centric lifestyles.	Parks, conservation, open space	Marion county must stop this overcrowding and overpopulation with high density housing projects. We do not have the infrastructure to support it. We are losing open and green space and the farms that brought families here in the first place.	34482
12/14/2024 17:54	The neighbors because we take care of ourselves	Crime, traffic building	Nothing	Police force policing	No	34480
12/14/2024 18:31	No traffic, farms, cows, horses all around.	To much traffic and building.	Not much. It's getting to over developed	More over passes from east to west over I75, traffic sucks	We need to stop growth. If I wanted what Orlando has I would live there, I came to Ocala when 200 was two lane west of I75. I currently live at sw 32nd place near Sam's club. The roads they have can't handle the traffic we go and you keep building all around us. The roads your currently building will make it where we can't get out of this area. It will just bring more traffic. I am moving in less than two years to get way from this. I have considered moving out of Marion county.	32113
12/14/2024 19:29	Quiet	Overbuilding and too much traffick	Not much	Safe roads	I have no additional comments	34470
12/14/2024 22:11	Safety , weather , Farms	To many houses. Over crowding	Big Name Restraunts	Entertainment for families	Enough houses. Need road infrastructure to accommodate groth first the homes. Need more places to eat and shop that is not on sr. 200. 95th would have been perfect for retail but noooo more houses to an already busting at the seems 60th and sr.200 road rage at its finest. Marlin County is like a Python eating a Horse.	34476
12/14/2024 22:22	Close to major cities and the beaches	Too much building, traffic is horrible which is proof with the daily accidents and deaths	Honestly, possibly moving after retirement	Over all we need new commissioners that are less greedy	It's ok to grow but we need better road systems but also why do we have to build on every empty piece of land. I'm tired of horse farms being sold to builders.. stop building homes, apts, etc. we moved here 30 years ago and this is no longer a safe and peaceful community. It's all greed greed greed! I am happy about the downtown being alive again. It was once affordable but no longer.	34476
12/14/2024 22:53	country, open places	too many houses	hopeful commissioners listen	natural trails	Require news SF homes to be on 1-3 acres lots.	34482
12/14/2024 22:55	Peace. Lighter traffic. No growth	Wasting money	Safety. I feel safe here.	Attractions.	I would like to see the county refurbish the old water park at Silver Springs. It wouldn't take that much to bring it back. It would give us something to do in the summertimes. Keeps our money in county instead of sending it down to Orlando.	32179
12/15/2024 5:22	Rural feel	Too much building, losing horse farms	Sorry, all downhill now	More horseback riding for non-owners	Traffic in southwest is unbearable. Stop building!!!	34473
12/15/2024 11:49	The farms	Overdevelopment	People leaving the state	Marion county looks like Miami. 🇺🇸	Stop signs are missing in lake Tropicana. School overcrowded. Take care of the residents first before inviting more people in. The questions below should have been asked 20 years ago.	34482
12/15/2024 13:05	Community	Crowding and traffic	Low hurricane chance	Infrastructure	More infrastructure before any more growth. I live near 484 and traffic is a nightmare. County doesn't seem to care. Building a new high school with plans for roads not in place. Who does this type of crazy stuff?	53224
12/15/2024 23:54	Open space	Sprawl and traffic	More opportunities	Plan for growth	Would like to see master plan that fosters economic growth while preserving Ocala's rural heritage and beauty	32668
12/16/2024 2:31	public lands, greenspace, quiet	loosing identity as horse capital	responsible growth	community gardens	How was I supposed to "rank" these? 1 is better than 3 or vice versa? If it's "walkable" why do you need mass transit?	34452
12/16/2024 13:54	I used to love countryside we had. The rural area	Overdevelopment and overpopulation	Hoping for less development	Parks	We need more parks and open undeveloped space	34473
12/16/2024 20:12	Horse friendly. access to horse riding trail and horse related activities	Loss of farmlands	Maintain rural f feel	Control of development	We need to protect open space, limit development. Use existing retail buildings and not let them sit empty.	34476

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12/17/2024 3:02	Farm rural land	Concrete , traffic, still dirt roads	Elections-change	Variety	We have A-1 lands inside the UGB and directly across the UGB. These area are not being granted the same property rights as new builder approval depending on who they are - like builders who partner with CEP continue to be awarded PUD, meanwhile the landowner who's been there for years, suddenly doesn't matter. Needs to be increased effort for buffer zones. We also have too many residential areas with dirt roads. We all pay taxes. It's ridiculous to suggest that property owners need to pay \$10k per lot to pave a road while at the same time , new builders are only paying an impact fee of 39% and that was just recently. So how about those on dirt roads only pay 39% of estimated cost. It seems our commissioners grant big development zoning changes , yet the little man wanting to update his garage with a variance gets shut down. We pay a public private partnership over 1/4 million and the city does to, yet it's pay to play for anyone else. If one doesn't buy in, then business is quashed.	35481
12/17/2024 17:51	farms, EMS	over development	Future agriculture farms	right turn lanes	I think our farm lands need to be preserved for agriculture use instead of massive housing developments	34470
12/19/2024 3:21	Proximity to major cities and attractions but still a rural feel	The Schools are bad so it's hard to attract young families and it reduces home values. Marion County is good if you're a retiree or you have horses or the combo—a retiree with horses—this is your first choice. But it's good for young families	Growth and investment in the schools, which I assume will translate into better outcomes and results for students	Area parks and parks inside the developments	None	34474
12/19/2024 13:21	Small town charm, horse farms, rural feel with city convenience	Traffic, overpopulated, not enough schools and activities for children/teens	Jobs, preserving farms, more activities for youth	Youth programs, mental health outreach for youth, youth activities to keep them out of trouble	More youth focused things to keep teens and kids out of trouble	34420
12/19/2024 13:27	COUNTRY LIVING	EXCESSIVE BUILDING MIGRATION	LITTER CONTROL	ROAD WORK, POTHOLES	THE LIGHTS ARE OUT OF SYNC AND THE STARTED ROADS ARE TAKING FOREVER TO FINISH. POTHOLES ARE A LARGE CONCERN AND ROAD REPLACEMENT. THE ROAD AREA AROUND SAMS IS TERRIBLE AND WHATEVER THEY ARE DOING ON 200 NEAR REGIONS IS RIDICULOUSLY CAUSING PROBLEMS. THE JAPANESE DO ROAD REPAIR AT NIGHT AND FINISH BY MORNING, SOMETHING WE CAN LEARN FROM.	34474
12/19/2024 13:31	Oak Trees, neighborhood parks, traditional Ocala	Managed growth with quality	Prosperity natural beauty	More diverse quality retail.	Please balance our growth with quality of Life	34471
12/19/2024 13:35	Weather & Farms & Cultural Options	Overpopulating/Traffic	Horse Farms Forever	Wider Roads	I wish that we had more restaurants near me.	34472
12/19/2024 13:35	Still somewhat rural	To much development	Keep the old town rural vibe	Not missing but being destroyed....springs conservative	Please keep Marion county one of the greenest city and stop destroying our spring conservation areas. No more development of apartment complexes and housing communities	34431
12/19/2024 13:43	Peaceful and safe	Traffic and sub division/strip malls	Safety and personal freedom	Illegal alien task force	Please keep dump trucks and logging trucks from causing accidents in our small town of orange springs God bless Marion county and all those who love their great land	32182
12/19/2024 13:44	Public safety	the danger of traffic and too many people	The development of downtown.	Seeing old railroad tracks turned into Rails to Trails.	HWY 200 is a nightmare for driving. People are too often speeding, on cell phones causing accidents. A light is needed at 200 and SW 73rd street Road. Also a stronger police presence would be appreciated.	34480
12/19/2024 13:57	Nature, convenience	Overpopulation, urbanization	Quality of life	Hmmm?	Like the 1/2 acre home option which was not listed as option Do not want to see Marion co more urbanized than it already is TY	34431

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12/19/2024 14:01	Woods and privacy	Growth and water quality/springs	Grandchildren	A Six Gun Territory for new generations, also, what's happening with the Ma Barker house museum?	Minimize new construction	32667
12/19/2024 14:11	Trees and fields and areas with no concrete	Too much building all over and horrible dangerous traffic	Uniting the horse world and non horse world	Someone to stop all the excessive building on precious soil and drainage areas	Too much building going on here and roads are so congested and accidents every day and too many fatalities!!	32134
12/19/2024 14:55	Not terribly congested	over building	nothing, to crowded	better roads	There is way too much congestion and the roads and traffic patterns can not handle what we have, but yet we are still building. And why do the horse farms seem to be leaving "horse country"?	34472
12/19/2024 14:56	still mostly rural	horse farms disappearing	remain conservative	sidewalks	controlled growth	34470
12/19/2024 17:26	Safety, beauty, school zones	Road congestion due to all the building of new homes & apartments, but our roads aren't equipped to all of these new residence. Changing the horse capital farmland areas and continuing to build and making tge small town feel develop in to BIG City life	Some new restaurants in downtown area, but not overloading it	Respect to longtime residence	Keep our community green. The more you build, the less greenery we have, the less rolling hills and horse farms we have. All of this excess building and people bring you money, but also brings more crime! It also drives up the real-estate and lower to middle class cant afford to but homes or rent. I don't want my kids living with me till their 30. BTW, my kids are grown & dont lue with me, but I know many whose kids can't move out because of this reason. When do you as a Board stop the madness of making this into a big city?	34480
12/19/2024 21:34	Water	Water quality	Growth	Concert facilities	Overcrowding is going to be an issue and traffic	34479
12/20/2024 1:13	The quietness and its convenience to everything. Little traffic. Near horses	It's going to SUCK! I'll be moving out! Too much building and too much traffic. You ruined its country-esque	WEC	More horse farms	STOP BUILDING! YOU ARE RUINING A GREAT PLACE! FOR WHAT? GREED?????	34479
12/20/2024 1:40	Horse farms	Losing horse farms	Nothing anymore. Scared	Losing horse farms	Please stop building on our horse farms. As a long time resident I am ready to move because ocala is getting too big. Overdevelopment is ruining our city!!!	34480
12/20/2024 23:27	Open country land	Over development	Beautiful natural environment	Conservation land	There needs to be a stop to mass yrs k housing and unplanned development. It is essential the future growth takes into consideration the needs of maintaining the open spaces and natural environment which is essential for our water, the health of the springs, the horse industry, and the eco tourism.	32667
12/21/2024 17:24	My friendly neighborhood	Traffic	New shopping opportunities	Trader Joes or Costco	We need more recreational activities	34481
12/22/2024 8:54	I like the natural beauty of the undeveloped lands and the public natural land we can access and enjoy	Too Much Development	Future New Leadership	More Public Lands	Stop the unchecked development. Our lack of new roads and neglect of repair is causing resentment from residence in the poorer neighbors when everyone can see the brand new unused roads in all the new high priced housing developments. The leadership that allowed the impact fees to be waved for new housing in the recent past should be censured or fined if they are still in working as our leadership.	34473-2628
12/23/2024 22:47	The few horse farms we have left!!	Incessant building, destruction of thousands of acres of farmland with NO regard to residents, deplorable infrastructure and the joke of continued reference to the "Horse Capital of the World." You mean, house capital...	Literally nothing! Exposing the influence builders and their associations have on the political representatives of this county.	Land, roads, drainage	STOP BUILDING AND TURNING OUR ENTIRE COUNTY INTO CONCRETE!!!!!! You are destroying this county and what WAS a gorgeous place to live.	34471
12/24/2024 16:51	Rural northeast of Maion County.	Way too many large developments and the traffic.	Preserve rural areas.	A fee based shooting range that is supervised.	Remove the ordinance that requires liqueur stores to close on Sunday.	34479
12/26/2024 20:53	Space, Connectivity, Community	Traffic, affordability, sustainability	opportunity with growth	neighborhood parks	A mixture of all of these items will be necessary for a successful PSA.	34471
12/27/2024 14:57	trees, farms, springs	concrete, traffic, overdevelopment	conservation-minded growth	pedestrian walkovers & interstate flyovers	West Ocala needs a chain grocery store and downtown Ocala needs a drugstore.	34471

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12/27/2024 17:27	Established. safety.	Taxes. Over development. Depleted Aquifer.	Buccees	Sams club on east side.	No additional comments.	34471
12/27/2024 17:43	Peaceful and safe neighborhood	the safety and well being or our children and youth	the future of the workforce with well paying companies	affordable housing	Marion County is a thriving desirable community that many want to move to. With that growth, infrastructure needs and housing must continue to be a priority. The safety of our children at school and play also needs to be a top priority therefore, continuing to remain focused on public safety and law enforcement should be a consideration.	34471
12/27/2024 17:49	Access to amenities	Roads and infrastructure	Managed growth	Commercial Air Service	None	34471
12/27/2024 17:51	It is the "quiet" side of town	Roads, loss of trees, overcrowding	Keeping it a homey place to live	Sustainable roadways	The sprawl has devastated the beauty Marion county once had	34470
12/27/2024 18:05	FL Friendly, beautiful, safe	FL traffic, infrastructure,	FL growth, diversity, the arts	FL greater political and racial interaction	None	34471
12/27/2024 18:12	kids	poor growth management	nothing	quality of growth	No serious code enforcement re snipe signs, litter control,	34471
12/27/2024 18:15	The small town charm which is quickly evaporating	The growth without appropriate infrastructure (ie. roads)	Better economic growth - jobs	sustainable infrastructure and employment opportunities	There needs to be affordable housing. Affordable housing is not \$250,000. It may be the "definition" that is being used, but it is way out of the league for many residents in Marion County. In this economy buying a property with a mobile home on it is hardly reachable. Apartments and high density residential unit developments need to have community garden spaces for growing vegetables, herbs and medicinal/cutting flowers.	32134
12/27/2024 18:24	Outdoor opportunities and downtown Ocala	Urban sprawl	Outdoor recreational opportunities	Affordable public transportation	Compact development for efficient use of infrastructure and services.	34471
12/27/2024 18:36	Beauty, convenience, safety	Rapid growth, development	Preservation	Unique, quality dining	Please consider the engaged, affluent citizens when developing. Take a break from car washes and gas stations and focus on the arts, boutiques, and unique flavor. Preserve the small town charm.	34471
12/27/2024 18:47	My family all lives here	Overpopulation. Too many people moving here. I don't want the infrastructure to be built to support that many people either. If the infrastructure stays small, then the people will have nowhere to go, and thus leave	Raising my children here	I don't think anything is missing.	I do not want to see any new public buildings. I do not want to accommodate the increasing population. We need to make it uncomfortable for them so that they leave. Streets are crowded, and they're not classy people either. This place will turn into a hell scape soon enough if we don't get rid of these people. I want these pests out of my town.	34471
12/27/2024 19:12	Trees, neighborhoods	Lack of parks	Not be Orlando	Non chain restaurants	I would like to see more focus and effort highlighting and supporting locally owned and operated businesses. I understand that companies like Chewy and Amazon are assets, but it does not set us apart from any other town in America. I appreciate the new restaurants, most of them seem really focused on atmosphere and alcohol and not food. I would love to see the culinary arts be grow the same way the rest of the art scene has grown.	34471
12/27/2024 19:46	Privacy.	Overcrowding and traffic.	Green spaces	Countywide transportation system	Ocala/Marion County is growing far too fast and ruining the area for those of us already here. Traffic congestion now rivals Orlando!	34471
12/27/2024 19:49	The country feel	Big growth	Stay the same	Nothing	I'd hate to see Marion county get so big that it increases traffic and the increase of crime, theft and gun violence.	34470
12/28/2024 16:10	Culture and affordability	Poor planning	Potential	Affordable housing	While there has been a good bump in development of multi-unit housing in Marion County, it is not being built as truly affordable based on the income level of the vast majority of residents. The amenities may be attractive, but people are being priced out of housing at a continually surprising rate.	34491
12/29/2024 14:11	nature/outdoors	Infrastructure, not enough retail/restaurants (or those that I enjoy)	a possible commercial airport with service	sustainable infrastructure, affordable housing	Thank you.	34471

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12/29/2024 23:59	Arts & Culture, Walk-ability, Safety	Infrastructure, Sustainability of job market for young families	Smart Growth, Increased higher paying jobs, young professionals, Events, Airport	Convention Center, Minor league sports team downtown where people can walk to restaurants.	The City and County hopefully works together for the greater good of the entire county not in silos looking at just their jurisdiction. We have a beautiful county that should be bringing in tourist for our amazing springs, bike trails, the Reilly Arts Center and our historic downtown.	34471
12/30/2024 0:28	Beauty	Destruction of the natural beauty	Feel more gloom than excitement	Keeping the natural beauty	Concern that the Marion county that I have loved and cared for over the years is being destroyed by the lack of concern over what made Marion County so lovely. Traffic has grown more and more unsustainable. The rapid growth these past years seems not to be planned for and again the Marion County that I've spent my whole life in. It seems to be more more loss. I am concerned that seem like the rape of my home county. I know growth is going to happen but at the record rate we're going we're losing all that we've loved.	34480
12/30/2024 17:49	The small town feeling	Over crowding and change in political views	Growth and development	I think our natural assets are perfect as is	None	32113
12/30/2024 22:08	Farmland, horses and peacefulness	Growth and lack of infrastructure. Disappearing farmland being replaced by mass housing projects. Criminal activity	Right now nothing excites me much because the city commission continues to approve massive building projects	Parks, roadways	Please stop destroying Ocala by developing this county the way we are.	34480
12/30/2024 22:17	Rural space	Over growth, destruction of natural resources	Agriculture	Protection for rural space	The destruction of open pastures and space will create global warming as well as drain our natural resources. Please stop	34481
1/1/2025 23:27	Quiet	Over development of natural areas, environmental ramifications of overpopulation	The possibilities to make our community great!	Education community activities, such as a community garden or something like that.	None.	34491
1/2/2025 13:30	The RURAL parts	STOP REZONING STOP BUILDING	Leaving	CONTROLLED GROWTH. IMPACT FEES FOR DEVELOPERS	STOP REZONING	34473