

YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

TOP CHALLENGES

AND OPPORTUNITIES



The Foster Forsyth Planning Team introduced the Comprehensive Plan and facilitated input activities at the Forsyth County Student Government Academy meeting on January 13, 2022. The youth provided great feedback on their vision for Forsyth County's future. The lists below highlight the challenges and opportunities that the students identified as major priorities for the County's growth and development.

Challenges

What challenges impact your life in Forsyth County (i.e., ways to get around, places to go, etc.)?

- Traffic congestion
- New construction
- Not enough tree protection
- Houses built too close together
- Not enough common areas for people to hang out, walk, play
- Few places are walkable
- Lack of accessible public transportation, particularly to Atlanta
- Lack of major attractions
- Lack of lighting on backroads

Opportunities

What is needed to make Forsyth a better place to grow up or be a teenager?

- More sidewalks
- More public transportation
- More libraries
- Improve public outreach and knowledge of local government
- Expand roads to accommodate traffic
- Improve environmental sustainability
- More green infrastructure innovation and nature projects
- Promote social equity in policy and investment decision-making
- Maintain quality education
- More multi-activity recreational centers (skating, bowling, etc.)

Long-Term Planning Recommendations

What should the County be doing now to get ahead of changes we may experience in our world over the next 20 years or to make Forsyth a place you would want to live 20 years from now?

- More attractions and activities
- More recreational centers
- Create a technological hub for job opportunities and growth
- Major corporation HQs
- Jobs in STEM and health
- More urban housing types, such as apartments, for younger people
- More parks and recreational services
- More transportation options for connecting various areas within and outside the County
- Greener climate policy
- Preserve nature/greenspace and consider ecology when planning
- Electric car charging stations
- Theme parks

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Sustainability matters!**