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LAND USE/ENVIRONMENT

How can you control growth without zoning?

Citizens from this group felt that people need to be educated on the benefits that zoning provides. There are people in Macon County that want zoning. Citizens in Macon County deserve better than what they are getting.

When zoning was proposed in the past, proponents did not do as good of job selling their end as the opponents which were adamantly opposed to zoning.

Communities with deed restrictions are popular here because they afford some of the same protections as zoning.

Are we ensuring that junk yards and salvage yards are taking measures to reduce impact on the environment?

Currently there are no teeth in existing ordinances that make individual business owners proud of their businesses. As you travel through Macon County it seems as if junk is piled up everywhere. Two examples that currently operate in Franklin were named specifically. Businesses such as these are "deal killers", according to a realtor.

Developing river front property and promoting it through signage on main thoroughfares will draw many people into Franklin and Macon County.

We should try to make Lake Emory something we can enjoy.

We need to keep an eye on our water in Franklin. Water is a precious resource and we need to take all measures necessary to preserve it.

Some customers that have traveled from areas that had zoning DO NOT WANT ZONING!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Young people are having a hard time in this county. We need to bring in jobs that offer our young people an opportunity to live and thrive in this county. People can come and retire here, but younger people just cannot afford to live here.

There needs to be something done to make Franklin as a whole appealing to outsiders, not just main street. This will take capital.

We need to consider monies in Federal and State budgets to help enforce any regulations that the plan will recommend. We must have enforcement capabilities for any regulations that the plan recommends before action is taken.

CONCERNS

Some citizens have a fear that the shape the plan takes will be determined by members on the committees.

Do away with the good ol' boy system in county politics.

Concerning ordinances already in place, they need to be enforced at a higher level than they currently are. Soil and Erosion is currently doing an excellent job of enforcement.

There must be a provision in this plan that allows us to go back and accommodate the growth that we are actually realizing, if it differs from projected growth