

OTTO COMMUNITY

Public Input

November 2, 2009

Education

- a. The growth of Southwestern Community College? Will it remain a two year school?
- b. There may be a need for a new high school
- c. The general consensus was dislike for the new 5/6 school as these residents prefer to keep the smaller local schools.

Recreation

- a. Proposed ideas were a Heritage farm, Botanical Gardens
- b. Parks are relatively expensive to maintain but citizens liked the new greenway.
- c. Concerns that people did not use the Otto ballfield.
- d. Could Macon County use Forest Service land for trails, such as horse trails, bike trails, or other recreational activity.

Healthcare

- a. Better nursing homes
- b. Retirement Community
- c. Ambulance at Otto Fire department
- d. More doctors in Macon County
- e. Assisted Living Centers

Taxes

- a. Cannot go up

Transportation

- a. Highway 441 is a major traffic corridor; need zoning along 441.

Employment

- a. need more jobs in the tourism industry
- b. Digital Companies
 - engineering firms
 - architects
 - medical records
 - commercial art and advertising
 - call centers
 - financial planners
 - insurance
- c. Tap into Atlanta markets
- d. Speak with green park in Jackson County to determine best crop for diesel production.

- e. Movement at national level to produce diesel from crops best suited to regions, have price supports for the farmers for these crops and regional refineries.

Senior citizens

No comment

Public Services

- a. Use of Macon County transit for everyone is good.
- b. Extend water along 441.

Land Use and Environment

- a. Too much trash in landfill; need more recycling efforts
- b. Protect Streams
- c. Protect natural environment and mountain ridges from development
- d. Agri-tourism

Cell Towers

- a. need better coverage in the Otto area.

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