

VILLAGE OF FONTANA VISION WORKSHOP SUMMARY

The Village of Fontana conducted a Vision Workshop on Saturday, June 6, 2009. This interactive meeting allowed participants to identify Fontana's key assets and opportunities, to spotlight areas of interest and concern, and evaluate potential future growth and sustainability options for the Village. This workshop allowed participants to express their concerns and ideas for the future of the community. The Workshop was broken into four Parts; the results of each part are summarized below.

PART I: VALUES, CHALLENGES, ASSETS

1. What do you VALUE most about the Village of Fontana?

- Small town community; great weather and location.
- Lakefront; different type of homes in the area; people in the village.
- Beauty and the small size.
- Resort atmosphere; beauty of town; lake accessibility; small town; people; rural atmosphere.
- Location; atmosphere; small town effect.
- Ease of access to lake; high end residential.
- Friendly community; beautiful surroundings; church; library; post office; facilities—all convenient.
- Unique blend of developments and lake access.
- Quaint, family atmosphere; safe environment for children; wonderful place to live.
- Peaceful village, but seems to get things done.
- The beauty of the lake and the country-like atmosphere of the village.
- The excellent upkeep
- Beauty; quiet off season; small town.
- Small town.
- Beauty of the lake; small town feel; green space and parks; library.
- Low-density residential village nature; lake activities; location.
- Location at end of lake; beauty of the lake front; CCE golf course; friendly village staff.
- Tranquility; quality; scenery; low density.
- Small “home town” feeling.
- The lake and all accompanying benefits—view, access, activities, culture.
- Sense of community in a resort setting (diverse).
- The beauty; library; golf course.
- Small town feeling.
- Lake; small town.
- Small town feel—charm of the village.
- Open space and people—location.
- Scenic areas around the lakefront minus the congestion of traffic.
- Quiet, peaceful small town; lake views; safe.
- Beauty; access to lake; small town.
- Rural; small village atmosphere; a break from the urban scene.
- Small town atmosphere; preserving green space; no business.
- Quiet simplicity—beauty, lakefront, woods, and zoning to protect property owners.
- Rural character; purity and beauty of our lake as it exists today.
- Large clean lake; trees; lake path; vegetation; friendly neighbors.
- I like the quietness and smallness of the community and the established feeling in the community—no new development.
- Quiet; beauty; cleanliness; lake.

PART I: VALUES, CHALLENGES, ASSETS

- Surrounded by agricultural buffer; small town on the beautiful end of Geneva Lake.
- People who care about community.
- Quiet; safe; access to the lakefront and shore paths.

2. What are some of the THREATS/CHALLENGES facing the Village and environs of Fontana both today and in the future?

Threats:

- Growth, congestion
- Lake of stores—loss of business
- None
- Overcrowding
- Infrastructure
- Too much new construction
- Excessive expansion
- Stormwater issues
- Encroaching development from other communities
- Lake quality; flooding problems; higher taxes
- Stormwater
- Rising costs
- Density; over crowding; taxes too high
- High density
- Development, encroachment of “suburban” atmosphere
- Light pollution; crowds in summertime; taxes
- Ugly village development (e.g., beach house, Hwy 67 “military housing”)
- Water quality of the lake
- Development pressures; school budget concerns
- Change of demographic
- Higher real estate taxes need for commercial revenue
- Lake pollution; stormwater run-off/phosphorus
- Tax base
- Overdevelopment
- Bigger businesses and population outgrowth
- Over planning
- Overbuilding—building too large of houses on small lots
- Too much development
- Encroachment; trying to be like Lake Geneva; higher taxes!
- Subdivisions; housing; taxes
- Unchecked development
- Pollution to lake; encroachment on natural spaces
- Land development commercialized business
- Overuse and contamination of lake; water table dropping
- Loss of identity—merge physically with Walworth and the Bay
- Closing off Lake Street—putting road through Reid Park

Challenges:

- Growth, congestion
- More stores and eating places
- Keeping it small
- Increased taxes
- Taxes too high
- Stagnant tax base—67 & Fontana Blvd
- Limited borders—commercial viability
- Stormwater management; keeping taxes down
- Dollar amounts associated with stormwater management
- Development; aging population
- Need for more “small” business; tax percentage to gateway too high! Road through Reid Park not needed
- Controlling growth
- Sustaining services and schools with small population—No McMansions!
- Maintain parks, plantings, improve pedestrian bike routes
- Need larger library and community center; Repair streets—especially Shabbona (big holes)
- Controlled growth; taxes
- To become greener

PART I: VALUES, CHALLENGES, ASSETS

- Assessing the fundamental needs and desires of residents with the ability to fund
- Servicing the demographic change
- Keep the serenity of the Village as more development takes place
- Maintain growth while keeping the small town feeling
- Keeping small town feel
- Controlled/good growth
- Development keeping in tune with area
- Keeping the village free of litter and reducing the mosquito and bug problem
- Keep small town atmosphere while allowing creating growth of small business
- Keeping the beauty of the village and area
- Stormwater management; traffic; noise; overdevelopment
- Maintain our own identity; accepting our limitations; govern with honesty and integrity
- Traffic
- How to put elements in place that assure “green space friendly” development
- Planning, codes to prevent pollution
- Keep Fontana charming
- Controlled housing growth, type of commercial growth
- Property tax pressures push development of prime lakefront property—how to stop?
- Stormwater management

3. What are potential positive TRENDS/OPPORTUNITIES/ASSETS for the Village and environs of Fontana both today and in the future?

Trends:

- Over growth
- Tendency too large
- Positive —minimum growth
- Retaining the uniqueness of the village
- Lack of growth
- Parks & pathways connecting community
- Controlled expansion
- Landscape
- Green concerns
- Over building on small lots
- Awareness of our valuable lake and village
- Beautification, renewal
- Growing population
- To keep size under control
- Beautification, infrastructure improvement
- Growth of older population—reflect those needs
- Going from part-time residency to aging population year round
- The way the village is renewing itself
- Environment
- Public improvements that have been made 67; playground; beach area
- Lot line to hot line—bigger is better
- Maybe a coffee shop or small bistro
- Bringing support/technology up to date
- Nice beach except for boat house—control development
- Overgrowth; unnecessary push for businesses; using up beachfront
- Residential divisions
- Too much development; loss of village character
- Cost; downtown commercial
- The community has been able to maintain its small village feel
- Beautification; village ownership of land
- Infrastructure improvements
- Pedestrian improvements
- Keeping the village a village

Opportunities:

- Increased property value
- Citizens
- Keeping it like it is
- Senior citizen involvement
- Lack of growth
- Great natural facilities
- Building professional business building
- Continue positive projects
- Hold fast to open space and village control
- Attract more professional/commercial

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- Further development of lake front (i.e., big boat house on lakefront should go)
- TIF
- To become a leader in reducing carbon footprint
- Preserve quiet nature of our side of lake
- Proper development that maintains small town appeal
- Enhance lakefront without losing the beauty
- Small growth
- Future redevelopment of older section in town
- Smart growth—controlled
- Stay small and still interesting
- Retain small village while promoting jobs for year-round residents not for just a few
- Set the standard for green space
- Recreation/retail shops
- Good and enforceable comprehensive master plan
- Controlled tourism (revenue)
- Lakefront preservation but not expansion or new construction
- Controlled growth; enforce existing lake laws
- Address existing infrastructure; protect lake
- Lakefront

Assets:

- Location; small town atmosphere
- Improvement of Duck Pond
- Lake front
- Lake access
- 10 minute access to train in Harvard
- Geneva Lake
- Lake Geneva School
- Lake Geneva; peacefulness
- Location
- Lake
- People
- Lake and green space
- Excellent village staff
- God's artistry
- Lake
- Lakefront; park areas; tax base; lack of "cheesy" commercialism
- Lakeshore; travel time; year round outdoor activities
- Lake; library
- The lake and the surrounding land
- Lake
- Lake and the lake front
- Geneva Lake
- Tourist attraction
- Lake trees
- Lake and town itself
- Limited development; beachfront
- Natural resources
- Natural beauty and green space—great citizens
- Lake, green areas
- Lakefront preservation; nature conservancy
- Agricultural buffer; pedestrian scale
- Children

4. What is the CURRENT IMAGE of the Village and environs of Fontana?

- Small village; friendly people
- Small and friendly
- The roads and walkways
- Very positive
- Favorable
- Nice small lake front village
- Lovely town—access to the lake and golf
- Laid back semi-resort community
- Recreational vacation getaway
- Good image, but taxes going up too fast
- A small village on the lake
- A desirable place to live
- Small town
- Beautiful place, exclusive
- Good
- Peaceful, beautiful
- Beautiful, expensive
- Small, peaceful town
- The powers that be make the decisions
- A summer retreat
- Resort area that is green, small, and friendly
- Friendly library personnel who know you

PART I: VALUES, CHALLENGES, ASSETS

- Small Town, USA—nicest town/village in Walworth county
- Quaint
- Looking good and progressing towards getting even better
- Small town—lake side/view/lake sports
- Very nice—possible overdevelopment in housing
- Living as we are; not trying to be something else
- Growing too fast; good traffic
- Small town—growing fast (really lots of money)
- Beautiful lake; too much money spent—did that money fix the antiquated sewer system?
- It's a place to relax and be away from all the traffic of other cities
- Bedroom/weekend community; locals against weekenders—outsiders not welcome
- Beautiful rural, lakeside village
- Frivolous
- Quiet; lakefront village

5. What are some of your **FAVORITE PLACES** in the Village of Fontana to take visitors?

- Lakefront; churches; Abbey; Duck Pond compost area
- The beach front
- Beach—parks
- Park; lakefront; lake walk; Gordies; Duck Pond
- Lakefront
- My single family home; Reid Park
- Lake—St. Benedict church
- Reid Park; lake front
- Lake Little Foot; Duck Pond; Gordy's; Golf; Abbey
- Lakefront, shore paths
- The Abbey Harbor; the lake front
- Little Foot Park; Beach; library
- Duck Pond; lake front; walking path
- Lake front (e.g., Chuck's Gordy's)
- Lake front; Belvedere Park; Lakeshore Drive
- Chuck's; Gordy's boathouse
- Lakefront
- Home, lake
- Lake
- Lakefront and path
- Back road rides in country; lakeshore boat rides
- Lake; Library; Abbey
- Lake front; beach; playground
- Lake shore path; Hildebrandt property; Lucy's
- Lake/parks
- Fontana Blvd planting beds—Little Foot
- Reid Park and the waterfront
- Beaches; Abbey
- Gordy's; Abbey Resort; George B's; lakefront/shore path
- Beach; Fontana Blvd; Reid Park; older homes
- Beach and parks
- Approach to Fontana—green corridors; walking path; beach; planting on Blvd's.
- Lakefront—Geneva Lake Conservancy
- The Lake; biking
- The lake path
- Lakefront; kids playground in Reid Park
- Lakefront; on the lake; Duck Pond; beach
- Lakefront; Duck Pond
- Beach; lakefront

6. What places in the Village and environs of Fontana do you avoid taking visitors?

- Fontana Blvd—before the Kinze House
- All is well
- None
- Abbey; Mill Street
- Main Street
- Hwy 67!; Abbey
- Nowhere
- Quonset huts on Hwy 67
- Abbey
- Lakefront retail
- Duck Pond
- Reid Park
- Places where it isn't clean, such as at times a littered waterfront or overgrowth of algae

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- The Boat House
- Lakefront, the Duck Pond; the housing development
- Boat ramp
- The current 67 without proper bike lanes
- Cliffs of Fontana

7. Should the IMAGE of the Village change? How?

- No
- Need to have a business district
- I love it the way it is!
- No more changes
- Promote commercial growth
- Just update, but keep the same
- Image is fine
- No—just keep it as small as possible.
- Yes—increase the “old time” look as was done on 67.
- No— keep our lake and rural atmosphere.
- More pedestrian/bike traffic
- Contain/reduce property tax
- More environmentally friendly
- Strive to preserve our lake—all our benefits ultimately are derived from the lake
- It is changing because more people are staying (living) year round.

- When I drive into town, I prefer to bring visitors in on South Shore—avoid entering at Pheasant Ridges
- Lakefront on weekends

- This is a local area and we don’t need to spend money to impress visitors such as fancy boat parking area.
- No—maintain the open space feeling
- It should change little by little like a small village should and not like a bigger city
- No—keep it a village on the lake.
- Slow down CDA
- Protect open space/green space/shoreline
- No—small town rural lakefront image should not change.
- Yes—avoid the current commercialization so close to the water.
- No
- Retain small town feel, preserve buffer surrounding the Village.
- Yes, more involvement
- No

PART II: MAPPING

The purpose of this exercise is was for residents to identify areas in and around the Village of Fontana that they felt the community should single out for special focus in the comprehensive plan.

- Widening of STH 67
- Infill/redevelopment in the Downtown
- Recreation trail along Shabbona Drive
- New commercial in the downtown and north of the Quarry
- New gathering places along the lakefront
- New residential at the southwest corner of Valley View Drive and Willow Bend Rd.
- Analyze lands in County Club Estates for preservation
- New residential east of Town Hall Road
- Transportation issues at STH 67 and Dewey Avenue
- Transportation issues at Shabbona Drive and S. Lake Shore Drive
- Frog/mini golf area is ugly—use TIF money to improve
- Widening of Shabbona Drive and Brick Church Road west of Main Street
- Bicycle paths along Shabbona Drive, S. Shore Drive, Brick Church Road, Willow Bend Road, and Main Street
- Infill development downtown and at quarry site
- Traffic light at STH 67 and Fontana Blvd.
- Safe walking/bike path on Shabbona and S. Lake Shore
- Kinzie and STH 67 signage to clearly note the bike path versus street right-of-way
- Reconfigure Kinzie boat launch to mitigate traffic congestion
- Connect Fontana with Walworth’s bike path
- Preserve the lakefront
- New industrial, commercial, and residential development in Walworth
- Infill/redevelopment in the downtown and area around Fontana outdoor sports and mini golf—make areas improved commercial development, not residential
- Stoplight at Fontana Blvd. and improve pedestrian crossing
- Relocate library to the park along the Lake Shore
- Transportation issues along Fontana Blvd.
- Infill/redevelopment along W. Main Street
- New residential south of Willow Bend Rd. and west of Valley View Drive
- Don’t vacate Lake Street
- Judicial opinion on ownership and use of lakefront
- Address drainage infrastructure
- Research potential for commercial use
- Transportation issues on Main Street, Valley View Drive, and S. Lake Shore Drive

PART III: PRIORITIES WORKSHEET

The Comprehensive Plan is intended to be an action-oriented plan. It is intended to outline implementation goals for the community and specific planning areas to assist community residents, developers, and Village officials in decision-making and to identify priorities for policies, programs, and activities. In this exercise residents listed top priorities for the Village to address.

1. Extend road from Indian Hills lot addition to Indian Hills Road
2. Leave road in front of lake open.
3. Lower real estate taxes
4. Community center—with café and reading room on lake front
5. Better control of Rte 67 of speed and crossing
6. Development of small business and office
7. Better use of Parks & Recreation
8. Rte. 67 Fontana
9. Diversity
10. More small business
11. Land use (bike paths, Parks & Rec, commercial, etc.)
12. Taxes
13. Housing—price range and size
14. Roads need safety improvements
15. Property values
16. Infrastructure
17. Quality of life
18. Land use
19. Development
20. Housing
21. No real estate tax increases
22. Keep small town environment
23. Encourage owned residential properties
24. More environmental friendly activities
25. Better 67 traffic control
26. Awesome Lake Geneva
27. Widen Shabbona with walk/bike path
28. Walk/bike path around the lake
29. Traffic lights at 67 & Fontana Blvd
30. “Frog” on 67—beautify area if possible
31. 67 & Fontana Blvd intersection
32. Retain development
33. Preserve lakefront
34. Preserve small town atmosphere
35. Greenspace—paths & bike trails
36. Stormwater management (protect lake)
37. Maintain quality of life – maintain parks-quaint atmosphere
38. Make decision on Fontana Blvd (land use)
39. Maintain roads
40. Lake quality
41. Traffic light/stop sign—Fontana Blvd & 67
42. No new residential areas
43. Better bike path along South Shore Dr.
44. Stormwater management
45. Intersection at 67 & Fontana
46. Environmental controls
47. Tear down and rebuild business corridor
48. Walking paths for CCE
49. Controlled development
50. High level maintenance
51. Green concerns
52. Lake pollution and regulation
53. Intersection of 67 & Fontana Blvd
54. Keep the tax base lower
55. Enforce the speeds
56. More private business
57. Density
58. Density—land use
59. Environmental—stormwater
60. Traffic control—Hwy 67
61. Maintain village character
62. Protect lake and lake front
63. Keep open green space
64. Limit commercial & industrial development
65. Center of town development—Fontana Blvd/3rd Ave
66. Pedestrian paths—Shabbona, Walworth
67. Lake front development—new community center
68. Maintenance plan for parks/plantings
69. Business development plan
70. Repair and widen Shabbona Drive

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71. Change Marma building to a community center
72. Connect the bike paths
73. Fix intersection on Route 67
74. Fix drainage problem
75. Quality of life – small town feel, controlled and limited growth
76. Tax containment
77. Maintain parks/bike paths/pedestrian trails
78. Transportation (i.e., safety, stop light, bike lanes)
79. Land use—how to use village owned land
80. Environment issues—run off, carbon footprint
81. Lot density
82. Roads, infrastructure
83. Economic development
84. Land use
85. Quality of life
86. Housing
87. Infrastructure improvements & mapping
88. Quality of life – parks/lakefront
89. Zoning regulations that don't become less restrictive
90. Environmental protections
91. Area contamination (MSDS) building
92. Revitalize/expand outdoor campaign bike trails
93. Green corridor—recycle, wind power, solar
94. Phosphate stamp all fertilizer sold
95. Expand senior services
96. Safety for residents and visitors—67/Fontana intersection
97. Better options for redevelopment of vacant old buildings
98. Bike and pedestrian friendly community
99. East congestion at lakefront on weekends
100. Residential—future locations earmarked
101. Controlled development
102. Stormwater management
103. Rte 67—Fontana Blvd safety
104. Walking path
105. Quality of life
106. Parks & recreation
107. Public services
108. Land use
109. Development
110. No new housing projects
111. No industrial/commercial along Fontana Blvd and 3rd Street
112. Hiking/walking/biking paths
113. More green space
114. Safe access to Hwy 67 from village proper
115. Keep village charm
116. Redevelopment—residential and commercial mix
117. Build good tax base
118. Environmental issues/water run-off
119. Environmental conservation (esp. Geneva Lake)
120. Smart small growth
121. Maintaining existing park/recreational lands
122. Reduction of real estate taxes
123. Ensure that sewer does not contaminate potable drinking water
124. Housing development does not change the natural course of springs in Fontana
125. Older non-usable buildings should be razed to provide opportunity for small business
126. Traffic lights need to be installed at dangerous intersections to prevent accidents
127. Poor lake quality needs to be identified and upgraded
128. Keep Lake Street open to all the village
129. Keep beaches & views of lakefront open
130. Traffic control at Hwy 67 & Fontana Blvd
131. Maintaining lake front—no commercial
132. Redevelop/attracting new businesses to village on W Main St/3rd Ave
133. Conservation of green areas
134. Conservation of lake
135. Water—storm drainage, small springs control

PART III: PRIORITIES WORKSHEET

136. Village (small atmosphere) semi rural, no more residential development
137. Protect integrity of the lake
138. Limited economic development
139. Control traffic—67 & Fontana Blvd, South Shore Drive
140. Green space/lakefront
141. Small town atmosphere
142. Limited small commercial
143. Lower taxes; no wasteful village spending
144. Affordable housing to bring new families in
145. Recognize identity – small town lake community
146. Maintain residential/recreational environment
147. Provide education, services, and safety
148. Village government income needs beyond increasing taxes
149. Growth based on evaluation of past mistakes and future needs
150. Put zoning ordinances into place to control future development pressure
151. Put zoning ordinances into place to protect lakefront density
152. Preserve green space buffer and farmland around the perimeter of Fontana
153. Village to engage in development rights with local farmers and land holders
154. Unpolluted lake surrounded by lovely green spaces
155. Preservation/increased green spaces
156. Wise use of taxes to preserve lake and green spaces
157. Careful intelligent planning to preserve lake and green space
158. Organized commercial development to reflect priorities
159. Keep the lake clean – stormwater management – minimize new development
160. Keep franchises out
161. 67 & Fontana Blvd—no lights, no stop signs—reduce speed limit to 25 mph
162. Keeping our maintenance and service great
163. The library is great and the service there is very good
164. Enforcement of existing laws—speed limits
165. Lake use—speed/noise violations
166. Repaving of some residential streets
167. Redevelopment of vacant commercial buildings
168. Park house improvement
169. Natural resource inventory/preservation
170. Infrastructure improvements – Village wide ped/bike access
171. Infill development—smaller footprint—commercial and residential
172. Lake quality—native landscaping
173. Lake management
174. Pedestrian improvements
175. Controlled development
176. Stormwater management
177. Sustainability
178. Protect Lake Street from being vacated
179. No road through Reid Park
180. Determine legal ownership of lakefront
181. Repair roads/drainage/sewer
182. Determine potential for commercial buildings

PART III: PRIORITIES WORKSHEET

The second task in Part III involved individuals voting on top priorities that were identified by individual participants. The following is a summary of the top priorities by the number of votes received for each.

Priorities	Votes
• Lake Management and Preservation of Natural Resources	47
• Maintain Village/Small Town character and quality of life	28
• Control traffic safety and congestion (i.e., Hwy 67 and Fontana Blvd)	21
• Preservation of lakefront parks and green space	18
• No new real estates tax increases—lower taxes	17
• Ensure current and future zoning ordinances protect the present rural character and village and not the developer	15
• Stormwater Management	12
• Reusing existing housing	11
• Center of town redevelopment (Fontana Blvd – 3 rd Ave)—Determine potential for commercial development	10
• Infrastructure – (roads, sewers, etc) Maintain and Improve what we have	9
• Connect Pedestrian/Bike Paths	8
• Extend Road – Indian Hills 1 st Addition to Indian Hills Road	7
• Infill Development	4
• Community Center & Library	3
• Controlled Development	3
• Repair Shabbona Drive	3
• Affordable housing—under \$300,000 to bring in new families	1

PART IV: SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHEET

This effort is focused on potential sustainability efforts that may be appropriate for Fontana. Individuals were asked to select “Village initiative” if they felt the initiative was something that Village government should pursue, “Personal Initiative” if individual residents should pursue the initiative, and/or “Community Initiative” if the community as a whole (businesses, non-profits, residents, Village government, etc.) should pursue the initiative. “Do Not Pursue” was selected if the initiative should not be pursued by any entity in the Village of Fontana.

		Village Initiative	Personal Initiative	Community Initiative	Do not Pursue
1	Promote Infill and Redevelopment	42.5%	8.5%	27.7%	21.3%
2	Promote “Traditional” Neighborhood Development	26.5%	18.4%	36.7%	18.4%
3	Limit Rural Housing	30.8%	2.6%	15.4%	51.2%
4	Promote Narrower Streets	18.4	0.0%	18.4%	63.2%
5	Promote Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities in New Developments	44.6%	13.8%	41.6%	0.0%
6	Promote Energy Efficient Building and Site Design	38.6%	24.6%	29.8%	7.0%
7	Develop Year-Round Water Conservation Guidelines	41.7%	21.7%	33.3%	3.3%
8	Consider Reduced Parking Requirements	33.3%	0.0%	12.8%	53.9%
9	Promote Lighting Efficiency and Lighting Regulations	41.1%	21.4%	26.8%	10.7%
10	Reduce Use of Fertilizers, Pesticides, Road Salt and Chemicals	43.8%	20.3%	32.8%	3.1%
11	Encourage Recycling of Construction Materials	41.9%	22.6%	33.9%	1.6%
12	Encourage the Use of Energy Friendly Vehicles	22.2%	31.5%	27.8%	18.5%
13	Promote Local Foods	17.0%	32.1%	35.8%	15.1%
14	Encourage Groundwater Infiltration	50.9%	14.6%	32.7%	1.8%
15	Participate in a Regional Open Space Preservation Initiative	46.4%	17.9%	30.4%	5.3%
16	Encourage High Wage Jobs	29.5%	13.7%	29.5%	27.3%

PART V: EVALUATION

On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate the overall usefulness of this Workshop?

Poor, Not useful	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Excellent, Very Informative
Total	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	15	12	9	Average: 8.39

What were the most significant outcomes of this Workshop for you?

- Understanding the growth and potential of area
- A better understanding of what changes—need to be done by village and community
- Wellness of needs, options
- Good exchange
- Strong agreement on key issues
- Getting community input on what is important
- Learning more about the Village’s overall concerns and goals.
- Good community communication
- Seeing consensus of group
- Bringing up new ideas I have not considered.
- Ideas from other citizens
- Clarifying my own views and priorities
- Priorities; Hwy 67 intersection, center of town development, lakefront buildings, Shabbona pedestrian paths
- People seem to agree on what we need
- To be determined. Follow-up please BEFORE decisions are rendered.
- Get to see old friends
- You have a residential base that does care
- I think it’s very good planning and forward thinking of the community
- Being involved with the city development
- No raising of taxes
- To establish a good base line of what the village is looking for
- New participation members
- Getting to hear other people’s viewpoints on matters and seeing how my ideas compare or contrast to them
- Some consensus on traffic issues
- Discussing village concerns with other interested residents
- Common concerns about stormwater control, keeping rural atmosphere and protection of the lake.
- Small group work; useful to hear everyone’s insight
- Opportunity to participate and to feel I have a voice in the Village of Fontana.
- I liked hearing specific perspectives—some that I opposed.
- Hearing my neighbors concerns and realizing that their concerns are similar to mine.
- Informative
- Consistency of opinions
- Hearing other points of view/being made aware of concerns I had no knowledge of.
- Attitude of participants – high community interest
- Got a better idea as to what the other attendees think about Village “problems”
- Consensus on preserving lakefront and natural resources. Consensus on limited development.
- See general consensus of village residents on priorities
- Information

PART V: EVALUATION

1. How could we have improved this Vision Workshop?

- This is very good.
- Ok
- Well done
- Keep on schedule
- It was excellent. Time well managed.
- Very good the way it is!
- Well done
- More involvement
- More people attending
- We need to develop a Google map summarizing planning decisions.
- Have Village Board members share their vision with us—to avoid “closed door” sessions
- Not so many stickers
- Conflicted with condo association meeting at Village Hall—those couldn’t attend
- Great job!
- I believe this was a thorough and enlightening vision workshop that needed very little or no improvement
- Publicize the meeting more
- More time for each worksheet
- More specific examples—at least of successful planning in villages like ours—I needed some inspiration
- No improvement required—I liked the timing and the group effort
- Better introduction/background of the company/representative in charge of this workshop/evaluation
- Close to perfect
- It needs to be longer
- Very well done and attended
- Time before workshop to view sustainability sheets
- Good as it was

Please offer any comments, suggestions, or opinions you have on the Village of Fontana’s comprehensive planning process in the space provided below.

- Look for the common good of the area.
- Post results on Village website and newsletters
- Focus on maintaining “village” quality of life.
- Do what is right for the village.
- More community involvement than village/government
- Should have another one before implementation.
- Great job!
- Excellent
- Should post final results in paper/press
- I would have liked to have had Kelly inform the group of what land was owned by the Village and what land was going to be purchased by the Village.
- I enjoyed listening in and giving my input at the meeting.
- Ensure Village of Fontana government listens to residents’ opinions.
- Fontana’s housing is overdeveloping!
- Continue to work for Fontana’s best interests not individual cliques.
- I think the Village must continue to publicize future master plan participation opportunities from now on until the plan is a done deal.
- I attended 2001 and am surprised at how different things turned out as opposed to how they were presented at that meeting—opinions were ignored.
- Annual event?
- Great to offer opportunity to residents to attend workshop