

ENVISION CAMDEN COUNTY

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS REPORT



Envision Camden County in 2035...

What words best describe your aspirations for the county?



Summary Report of the Proceedings of Two
Public Workshops Conducted November 14, 2011

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ENVISION CAMDEN COUNTY WORKSHOPS

On November 14, 2011, Camden County hosted two public workshops – *Envision Camden County* – to kickoff the process to develop a new comprehensive plan for the county. The purpose of these workshops was to learn more about the concerns, hopes, and aspirations of community members in an effort to create a new community vision for Camden County.

Participants attended one of two sessions – an afternoon and an evening session. In total, approximately 110 attendees came out to the Camden County Middle School. The workshops were divided into two parts: (1) a public open house where participants were given an opportunity to peruse information about existing conditions, planning influences, and planning opportunities in Camden County and participated in passive exercises, and (2) a formal presentation on the planning process and highlights from the *Community Planning Influences and Opportunities* report, an anonymous keypad polling exercise, and a group discussion exercise.

As shown on the map below, attendees hailed from all over the county. Most attendees live in Camden County, but some only worked or owned property in Camden.



The following summary report of the outcomes of these two workshops is organized by the following public engagement exercises:

- * Envision Camden County – a passive visioning exercise to learn more about what participants hope Camden County will become in 2035
- * Amending the Future Land Use Map – a passive exercise to identify changes that should be made to the county’s adopted future land use map
- * Keypad Polling Exercise – An anonymous polling exercise that provides cumulative real time results, this exercise posed questions focused on the type of character Camden is today and should be in the future
- * Group Discussion Exercise – This group exercise included a mapping component where participants identified key strong and weak places, the heart of the county, and areas for development opportunities
- * Comment Form Responses – Participants answered three open-ended questions to capture any additional ideas or concerns not captured in other exercises.

To learn more about the materials presented at the workshop, see the comprehensive plan page on the county’s website www.camdencountync.gov

Next Steps

The community input outlined in this report will be used to develop the community vision and the corresponding planning framework for the comprehensive plan. These plan components will be presented in draft form to the public in the spring of 2012.

ENVISION CAMDEN COUNTY

The primary purpose of the workshops was to engage participants in a discussion of what the vision for Camden County should be. This vision sets the groundwork for developing the county's comprehensive plan. Responses ranged from overall descriptions of the character of the county in 2035 to specific amenities that should be developed in the county in the future. To engage participants in this discussion, they were asked to brainstorm answers to the following question.



Ideas for the Future:

- * In 2035, I wish to see Camden as a rural, quaint county with very limited development. Those that want city amenities can drive a little further or live where they are offered (Tidewater). Camden has a unique lifestyle that does not need to be destroyed. Encouraging development brings more people, which requires more infrastructure which requires more money. Growth can be limited and controlled to preserve Camden County as the unique county it still is.
- * No growth preferred, but believe some will come. Make it desirable with little effect on county as it is today – quality of our life.
- * More boating access to the Pasquotank River
- * Public Library, internet access, community center, grocery store
- * Would love to see new schools, more fire stations, recreation for everyone

- * Restaurant and grocery store in South Mills
- * Would like to see laundromat in the area
- * County water in South Mills
- * Grocery store on 158 – Lambs Road vicinity
- * Waterpark, YMCA, community center, entertainment
- * Smart growth, not a bedroom community, create a stronger community centralized in South Mills and Courthouse area
- * More athletic fields
- * Scenic parkways re: Fred Bair
- * Playgrounds for young children not at schools
- * Bike path extended to Virginia, wind farm, rebuild Old Swamp Road
- * Make us better but don't change us
- * High speed internet and sewer line extended up North River Road
- * Need grocery store
- * A public library in Camden
- * More commercial establishments, restaurants, parks at north end of county, ballfields
- * Would like to see a recreational center in this area, tennis court
- * Need a shopping center on 158
- * Want better mosquito control

So What Does This Tell Us About the Vision for Camden County?

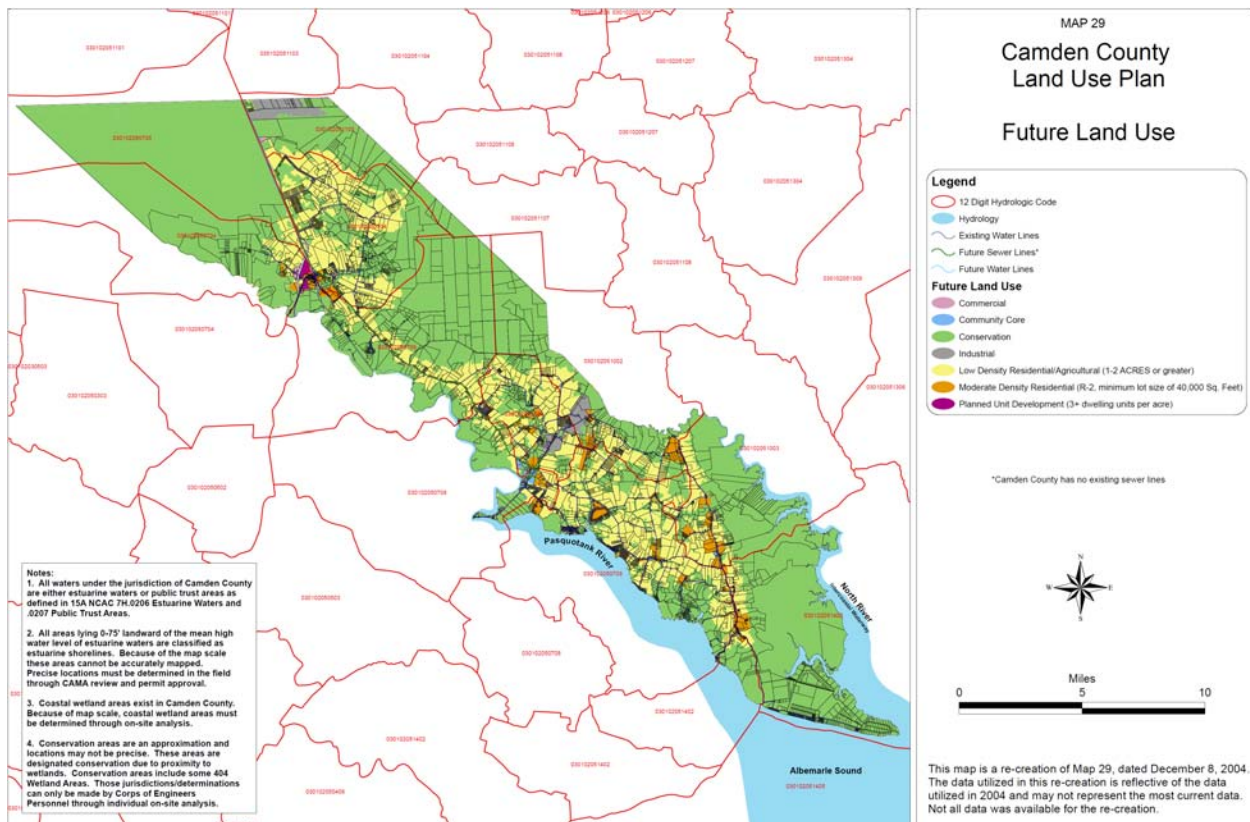
Participants are interested in improving Camden County in a slow and managed way that maintains its uniqueness and rural character. Basic amenities are needed to improve quality of life and reduce the need to travel to surrounding communities for general services – grocery store, commercial and retail establishments, library, parks, trails, boating access, and high speed internet. These new amenities are also critical factors for generating economic development in the county. It will be hard to compete with other communities for new businesses in the 21st century without a basic level of service in the county.

These aspirations for the county are likely attainable – they maintain the underlying structure of the county today and build upon it to allow the county to evolve over time and become a more full service community.

AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP

The county's CAMA Land Use Plan is the current guide used for making decisions about development proposals and related land use controls, such as zoning and development standards. Through the comprehensive planning process, the future land use map will be updated to better reflect current development plans and the physical framework for future development.

Attendees of the two workshops were asked to provide input on the current Future Land Use map and to identify particular places that are in need of change.



Proposed Amendments to Future Land Use Plan Map

- * Focus commercial development along major arterials (US 17 and US 158)
- * The county needs to provide incentives for commercial development
- * Improve infrastructure to the southern portion of the county (Old Trap area)
- * Need to slow down development (no growth) to a crawl
- * Need restaurants along US 158
- * Need to keep the rural natural of the county by finding the balance in focusing the placement of both residential and commercial developments that will meet the current needs of residents
- * The county needs a water park to bring in needed taxes

How Will This Input Be Used?

The next phase of planning will focus on the physical aspects of the county and areas where development should be occurring and encouraged. Specifically, planners will be conducting several analyses to identify areas that are most suited for development and areas that are least suited, and then testing out alternative development scenarios to compare and contrast different options that illustrate how the county might look and operate in 20 or more years. This community input will be taken into account when developing these analyses.

From the input provided at these workshops, it appears that there is support for a managed growth approach in Camden County that targets growth to specific areas. One of the big questions that will be addressed through this planning process is how areas not targeted for development should be managed over time. As it stands today, most land in the county has by-right zoning that allows these areas to be developed as residential. Citizens have shown interest in protecting environmentally sensitive lands and agricultural lands from new development. The approach taken to protect these areas is a critical topic to address during this planning process.

KEYPAD POLLING EXERCISE

Attendees participated in a polling exercise to help planners learn more about the aspirations and opinions of community members. Using a keypad polling system, attendees were able to anonymously select answers to twelve questions. The full list of answer choices for each question and a combined report of the results of this exercise for both workshops are included as an appendix to this summary report.

Summary of Keypad Polling Results

- 1. Where are you from?** Majority of attendees were from Camden County (82%), or owned property or worked in Camden County (8%)
- 2. How long have you been here?** Approximately 1/3 of attendees have lived in Camden County for 50 or more years, 1/3 between 10 and 50 years, and 1/3 have lived in the county for less than 10 years
- 3. What type of job do you hold?** The three top industries employing participants were education/government (33%), real estate development/construction or “other” (16%), and technology/professional services (14%)
- 4. What do you like most about Camden County?** Small town environment and slower pace of life was the top selection for participants (31%), followed by rural setting and low density development (22%), and natural features (11%)
- 5. What do you like second most about Camden County?** Asking the same question but for the second most liked aspect of the county, respondents’ top selection was again small town environment and slower pace of life (26%), followed by access to Hampton Roads area (20%), and then rural setting and low density development (18%)
- 6. What do you like least about Camden County?** 36% of respondents selected lack of commercial establishments, followed by lack of employment opportunities (22%)
- 7. What phrase best describes Camden County today?** The top selection for respondents was “Tranquil – a place for peaceful living” (28%), followed by “My Hometown – a great place to establish roots and raise a family” (24%), and “Bedroom Community – mostly serves people working elsewhere” (22%)
- 8. What phrase best describes Camden County in the future?** Envisioning an improved Camden County, participants top selection was a tie between “Full Service – provides everything you need” and “My Hometown – a great place to establish roots and raise a family” (34%), followed by “Tranquil – a place for peaceful living” (25%)
- 9. Future growth in the county should....**Nearly half of respondents think that growth should be targeted to minimize negative impacts on the environment (43%), followed by development being targeted through development of new infrastructure (25%), and managed to efficiently use existing infrastructure (18%)
- 10. Camden County should grow in the following manner...**More than half of respondents selected that Camden should “Become More Compact: Higher intensity, more efficient, mixed-use developments in targeted locations” (54%), followed by “Continue Current Trend: Expansion via dispersed, single-use developments” (36%), or “No Opinion” (10%)

11. **“In considering new development, quality and appearance are more important than the number of units or how intensely they are organized.”** A majority of respondents strongly agree or agree with this statement (77%), strongly disagree or disagree with this statement (13%), or were neutral (7%)
12. **If Camden County offered a job for your skill set, would you work here?** The majority of respondents strongly agreed or agreed with this statement (80%), were neutral (8%), or strongly disagreed or disagreed with the statement (4%)

So What Does All This Mean?

Residents of Camden County love their community and are willing to establish roots for the long haul. The bucolic setting and slower pace are what bring people to Camden and what keep people calling it home. But there are aspects of Camden that people would like to change – services are needed, especially commercial and retail establishments. Residents are eager to have more employment opportunities locally in Camden County that will shorten their commutes.

In the future, the county should continue to offer a small town culture while also providing new amenities – shopping, recreation, entertainment, and jobs. New development should be focused to protect environmentally sensitive areas. There is some willingness from residents to consider having a more compact pattern of development that uses increased density to focus development in certain areas. What is most critical is that the character of the community and the culture of Camden County not be diminished or significantly changed over time.

GROUP DISCUSSION EXERCISE

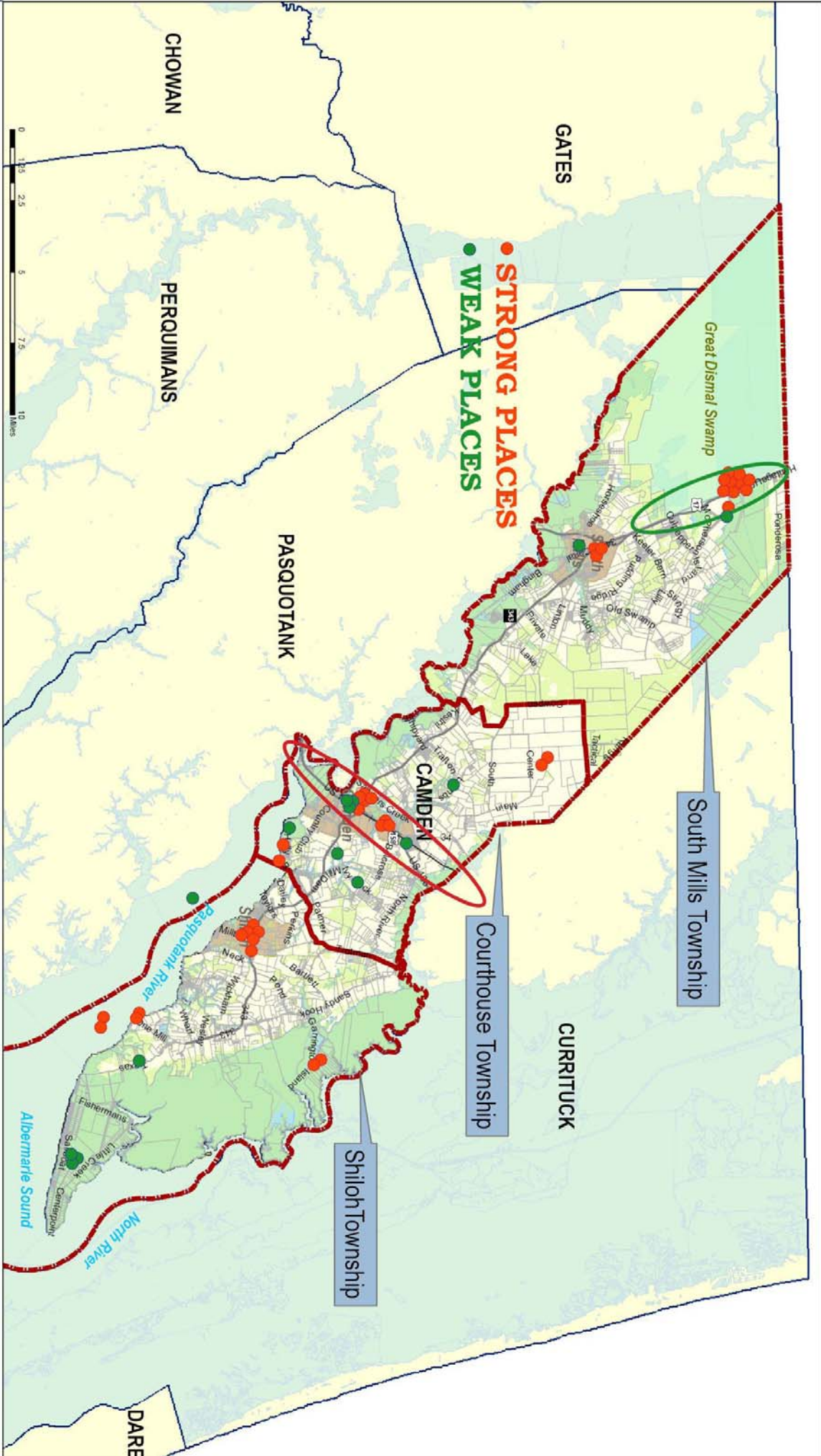
Following the group polling exercises, participants broke up into several small groups to dig a little deeper into some of the topics addressed in the keypad polling questions. Group discussion questions were designed to learn about specific places that are important to the character of Camden County – strong places and places that could be considered the “heart” of the county. And also to learn about the weak places – places that need to be addressed and that leave a negative impression with visitors. They were also asked to select areas that are most suitable for future development. Participants were finally asked to identify the most marketable aspects of the county and to identify specific new services (public or private) that are needed in Camden. The maps that follow show the geographic distribution of these answers.

Question #1: What are the “strongest” places in Camden County?

Response	Number of Groups with Response
Great Dismal Swamp / Welcome Center	10
The Courthouse	4
South Mills Locks	3
Topside Restaurant	3
Bellcross Bakery	2
Hales Lake / Agriculture	2
North River Campground	2
Pasquotank River	2
Waterfront "Old Trap" / Avery Shores	2
"Where I live"	1
Community Park	1
High School	1
Senior Center Boardwalk	1
The 158 corridor	1
The intersection of 343 / 158	1
Treasure Point 4H Camp	1
Whitehall Shores	1
Williams Strawberry Farm	1

Question #2: What are the “weakest” places in Camden County?

Response	Number of Groups with Response
Camden Point	3
Intersection of 343 and 158 could be better	3
17 North of South Mills	2
Camden Business Park	2
Access Improvements to Dismal Swamp Canal	1
Camden Trash Site	1
Goose Creek (water backup)	1
Ivy Neck Road (flooding)	1
Lambs Road (flooding)	1
Low income housing	1
McPherson Road development	1
Mobile homes on Trotman Rd	1
South Mills weakened when highway bypassed it	1



Planning Area

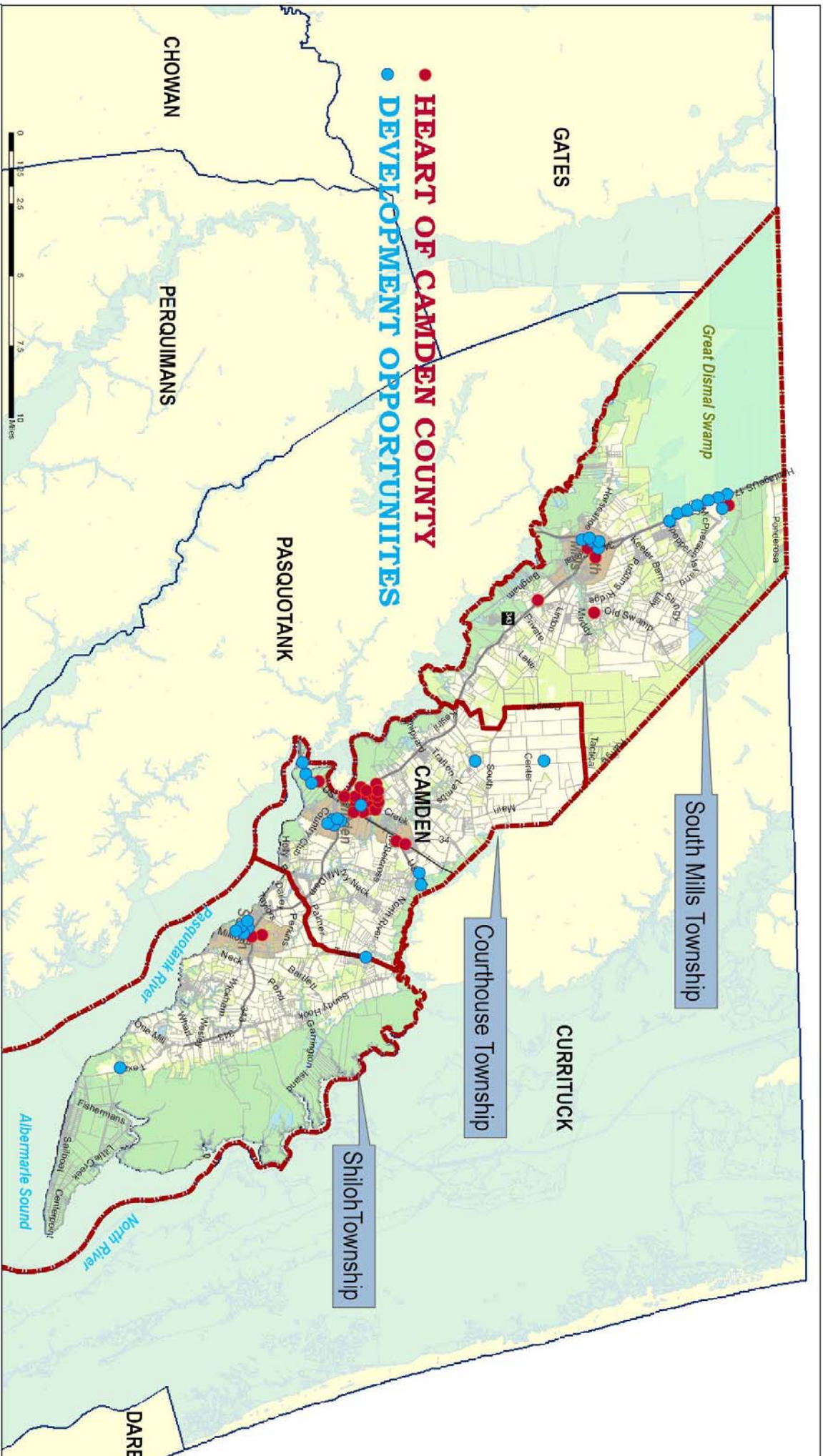
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 - Core Villages
 - Dismal Swamp
 - Wetlands
 - Water Features

Question #3: Where would you say the “heart” of Camden County is?

Response	Number of Groups with Response
Courthouse	8
Intersection of NC 343 and 158	6
Community Park	2
High School	2
Lambs Marina Restaurant	2
Belcross Bakery	1
Dollar General	1
Eco-Park	1
J & E Oasis	1
McBride Church	1
South Mills	1
There is none	1
Topside Restaurant	1
Track 1 Restaurant	1

Question #4: Where should new development be located in Camden County?

Response	Number of Groups with Response
17 North of South Mills	7
Commercial development on 158	5
Residential development in existing towns	5
Away from environment	2
Eco-Park	2
No growth	2
Avery Shores	1
Courthouse	1
Old Trap	1
Trailer Park on Trotman	1
Wind Farm in agricultural land	1



**HEART OF CAMDEN COUNTY
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



Planning Area

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Question #5: If you were going to recruit a business to Camden County, what aspects of the community would you boast?

Response	Number of Groups with Response
Transportation accessibility / Location	5
Limited competition / High demand	4
Open land	4
Quality of schools	4
Skilled workforce	4
Natural resources	3
Low tax base	2
One government	2
Quality of life	2
Business Park	1
Child care	1
Growing population	1
Infrastructure (water and sewer)	1
Lots of churches	1
Low crime rate	1
Military presence	1
State Park improvements	1

Question #6: What types of services are most needed in Camden County?

Response	Number of Groups with Response
Grocery store	7
Restaurants	7
Medical services	5
Retail / Shopping center	4
Water / sewer	4
Waterfront / beachfront access	3
Basic transportation	2
Recreation Center	2
Senior Assisted Living	2
Banks	1
Better cell phone reception	1
Biking	1
Community Center	1
Countywide internet access	1
Day care	1
Employment places	1
Government facilities	1
Hardware store	1
Hiking	1
Jet ski / kayak / boat rental	1
Laundromat	1
Library	1
Motel	1

Response	Number of Groups with Response
Movie theatre	1
Paved roads	1
Pharmacy	1
Waste management	1
Youth activities	1

So What Should We Learn From This Feedback?

Camden County has a solid foundation of amenities and important places that make it unique – the Great Dismal Swamp Visitors Center being the most highly visible place of interest that puts Camden on the map. Camden’s location in the Hampton Roads region, its adequate road infrastructure, well skilled workforce and excellent public school system make it a prime location for future businesses.

What is a challenge for Camden County is the lack of availability of “shovel ready” sites to develop in the county and the lower density pattern of development that may limit the potential for retailers and grocery store merchants to locate in the county. Opportunities exist to improve the character of the community in targeted areas and to improve functionality of developments, specifically addressing drainage issues.

There are different ideas about where the heart of Camden County exists – but most respondents felt that the Camden Courthouse and surrounding areas were the symbolic heart of the county. In keeping with recent planning efforts, new development should be targeted to the north US 17 corridor, to the three existing towns, and away from environmentally sensitive areas and agricultural lands.

COMMENT FORM RESPONSES

At the end of the workshops, participants were given an opportunity to provide general feedback on what they learned, heard, and experienced at the workshop. Of particular interest was learning more on the planning influences and planning opportunities for Camden County. Here are the comments that were received.

Key Planning Influences

Solid Planning Foundation

Camden County has a solid history of planning for land use, economic development, and environmental preservation. The new Comprehensive Plan will build upon the policies of former initiatives and will carry forward goals/policies/strategies that are still relevant. Policies will be reviewed and updated as determined during planning process. The Comprehensive Plan will serve as a consolidated documentation of current County policies. Former planning efforts include:

Land Use and Infrastructure Plans

- 2005 Advanced Core CAMA Land Use Plan
- Camden County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Long Range Water and Sewer Service Plan
- CAMA Sea Level Rise Policy

Economic Development

- Camden County 21st Century Community Strategic Plan
- Camden County / US 17 Corridor Master Plan
- Green Industrial Park Feasibility Study

Transportation Plans


- Comprehensive Transportation Plan (under development)
- Hampton Roads TPO Long Range Transportation Plan
- US 17 Great Dismal Swamp Corridor Study

Key County Attributes

The future of Camden County will build upon that assets of today. Below are a list of key attributes identified. Should any additional be added?

Key County Attributes

- Location in Hampton Roads Region
- Scenic environment
- Natural features / natural resources
- Affordable cost of living
- Well-educated workforce
- Excellent Schools



Population—Today and Tomorrow

Camden County had a healthy rate of growth over the last decade, even after a 3.5 year moratorium on development initiated to enforce the County's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. Growth is expected to continue at a slower rate over the next 20 years.

Key Population Statistics for Today

- In 2010, Camden County was estimated to have a population of 9,980
- Over the last decade, the annual average growth rate in Camden County was 3.78%
- Between 2000 and 2010, the County added 3,095 people
- The County has a growing population of persons of Hispanic and Asian/Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Island decent
- 75% of the County's population is under the age of 54 and approximately half of the population are old enough to be in the workforce

Population Projections

Source	2010 Pop	2030 Pop	Change	Annual Average Growth Rate
State Demographer	9,980	11,600	1,620	0.75%
Woods & Poole	9,980	13,994	4,014	1.8%

Housing

The housing stock in Camden County is primarily single-family residential (99%) with few attached housing developments (townhomes, condominiums, duplexes, apartments). Real estate analysts predict that future generations will demand a new type of housing that is more compact, easier to maintain, and provides more access to amenities and services. Opportunities exist for Camden County to provide a broader diversity of housing.

Key Housing Statistics

- Over the last decade, the number of housing units grew by 1,131, adding approximately 113 housing units per year
- In 2010, 74% of housing in the County was owner-occupied and 16% was rental
- In 2010, the estimated mean value of owner-occupied housing in the County was \$176,835
- Through 2030, an additional 2,500 housing units are projected to be developed in Camden County

Economy and Agriculture

Camden County provides few options for employment, but has a very skilled and diverse workforce. Employment in the County represents approximately half of the jobs needed to employ local workers. Non-resident workers hold half of the jobs in Camden County, making cross-county commutes a regular occurrence. There is an opportunity to expand local employment and provide new jobs "close to home."

Key Economic Statistics

- During 2005-2009, Camden County had a healthy median household income that was slightly less than Currituck County (\$46,786)
- The unemployment rate in 2010 was 8.2%
- The top five industries that employed Camden County residents in 2010 were:
 - Educational services, health care, and social assistance (18.5%)
 - Construction (13.3%)
 - Retail trade (10.7%)
 - Public administration (10.4%)
 - Arts, entertainment, recreation, and accommodation / food services (10.2%)
- The top five employers in Camden County in 2010 were
 - Camden County Board of Education,
 - A Trade and Transportation Company (Rainbow Shops/Emphasis/Ups N Downs)
 - As (the Blackwater Lodge and Training Center)
 - EP Management Services
 - Camden County government
- Agriculture remains an active component of Camden County's local economy — the County has 76 farms totaling 55,181 acres that generated \$28,232,000 in 2010

Infrastructure

Transportation

Camden County's transportation system is limited in most areas to the road network. Alternative forms of travel, primarily for recreational purposes, may be desired by residents and visitors. Concurrent with this planning process is the development of a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Camden. Planning is also ongoing for a trail that will connect the Great Dismal Swamp Park Visitors Center to a Virginia trail.

Stormwater

Stormwater management in the County is an extremely challenging task. Low topographic relief, high groundwater tables, and poor draining soils limit the ability to employ best management practices and low-impact development techniques in the County.

Recreation and Parks

For a rural County, Camden offers many opportunities for recreation. The County is especially fortunate to be home to the Great Dismal Swamp Visitors Center and Park. What is needed in Camden County are additional local park facilities, greenways, trails, and bike paths. Opportunities exist to expand recreational offerings and provide a solid base for an eco-tourism industry in the County.







Water and Sewer

See the Water and Sewer Map provided at this workshop for details on existing conditions and planning for future water and sewer needs.

Question #1: Apart from the Planning Influences presented at this workshop, are there other community factors that will play a significant role in shaping Camden County's future?

- ✱ No more houses until we can pay for our new roads, schools, etc. Not to raise our tax.
- ✱ Further develop programs through the school system to help attract employers and continue to maintain and build Camden's educational capital.

Key Planning Opportunities

<h3>Camden Plantation</h3> <p>The Camden Plantation project, to be located along U.S. 17, has been designed as a planned unit development to include a variety of residential options, local serving retail designed in clusters, community facilities, public spaces, and pocket parks. The master plan, shown below, calls for a network of linked bike paths and sidewalks as well as local roads. In total the project will include 1,700 residential units and 160,000 square feet of retail.</p> <p>This project will change the pattern of development in Camden County and create a new population center at the north end of the County. As planned, the project will provide new housing types not currently offered in Camden.</p> <p>Important considerations for this project include: source of public water opportunities to tie into the County's wastewater system, the impact of the project on local schools, and the management of stormwater runoff on high and moderately hazardous soils.</p> 	<h3>Camden Town Center</h3> <p>The proposed Camden Town Center project is designed as a mixed-use health services development at the intersection of N.C. 343 and U.S. 158 near the Camden County Courthouse. This project will be an important "placemaking" component for this crossroads area. Currently, the County's administrative and courthouse facilities stand alone in this portion of Camden.</p> <p>The vision for the project is to provide needed health services to local residents in the form of a pharmacy and a family practice medical office, with supporting retail establishments.</p> <p>The project is slated to include four retail/office buildings, three out parcels, related open spaces, parking, and infrastructure.</p> 	<h3>Hales Lake Wind Farm</h3> <p>Invergy, a renewable energy generator based out of Chicago, is currently working on securing options to lease air space from landowners in northeastern Camden County and western Currituck County. The Hales Lake Wind Farm project is projected to lease up to 20,000 acres of air space above open spaces and farmland to develop 188 large wind turbines. These turbines will generate renewable energy that can be sold back to utilities in North Carolina that are under state mandate to purchase 12.5% of energy supply needs from renewable sources.</p> <p>Invergy is working to secure development permits with the US Army Corps of Engineers, Homeland Security, Federal Aviation Administration, with NC CAMA and Cultural Resources agencies, and with Camden County.</p> 
<h3>Eco Industrial Park</h3> <p>The newest of Camden County's industrial sites, the Eco Industrial Park is located at the north end of U.S. 17. The site is planned to provide space to innovative green industries that seek to incorporate sustainability principles into site development and facility construction. Organized around a 30 acre lake to handle stormwater runoff, the Eco Industrial Park includes 19 lots sized between two and four acres. Water and sewer infrastructure is in place for these sites, and grant money from the NC Department of Transportation is in place to prepare the local roads for the site. The specific plan for tenancy and ownership of sites is currently under consideration.</p> 	<h3>Small Area Plan for South Mills</h3> <p>The ECU Office of Innovation and Economic Development's Municipal Management and Innovation Initiative is developing a Small Area Plan for South Mills. Ideas that have arisen during this planning process include the creation of a "gateway waterfront community" with amenities in the core of South Mills to serve tourists and local recreationalists visiting the Great Dismal Swamp, its system of canals, and potential locally planned bikeways and trails.</p> 	<h3>Great Dismal Swamp Park Trail and Park Expansion</h3> <p>The Division of State Parks is planning a campground on newly acquired land to the south of the Great Dismal Swamp Park and is working with the County to enhance access to and the park. Among the possibilities the County might pursue are negotiating for use of adjacent private farm roads as part of a larger network of bike trails, and developing a driving route with designated stops where visitors could learn via signage or electronic media about specific natural features or historic events.</p> <p>A study is being prepared to create a 3.3 mile trail from the Dismal Swamp State Park Visitors Center to the Virginia state line. The current version of the plan calls for a 10 foot wide paved trail that will run proximate to U.S. 17. This project is estimated to cost \$1.5 million. Site planning solutions are being sought to identify safe ways to connect the trail between the Welcome Center parking lot and the bulkhead for boaters, and to identify opportunities to create passive spaces along the trail to possibly include benches and interpretive signage for observing and learning about the swamp and its heritage.</p>  <p>This project also includes planning for the southern extension of the trail to the North Carolina state line; permits are secured for this section and funding is being sought.</p>

Question #2: Other than the six Planning Opportunities highlighted at this workshop, what other opportunities does Camden County have to create a better community for future generations?

- * So we can have something wonderful that will bless our country to grow in jobs and money. Not to cost us. Need entertainments, shops, etc.
- * We need better water and sewer systems for ALL residents.
- * Target specific "clean" industries to create job opportunities for residents and graduating students. Seek out a major employer (>50 jobs) with higher skilled (wage) jobs.

Question #3: Have an idea that you want to include in the plan? Want to provide a comment on something you saw or heard tonight? Tell us!

- * Like to explore the possibility of overlay district to incorporate navy's northwest annex military influence area that is generally located within South Mills district.
- * Want a recreational park or other leisure opportunity that doesn't raise taxes and needs few services. Development should pay for itself and help out with the tax base. This should be located in South Mills.

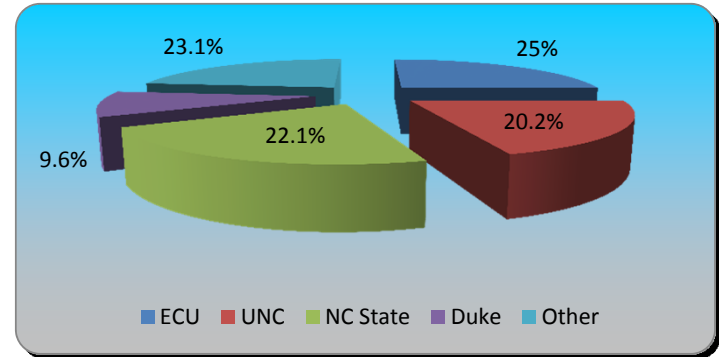
- * There should be a bike lane built for bikers on 158. Getting to and from, bikers are in danger on 158 and hold up traffic.
- * Government must provide its basics first: water, sewer, and transportation. Then new projects.
- * Need a countywide bicycle/walking trail extending from Dismal Swamp Park to Shiloh/Old Trap.

Envision Camden County Keypad Polling Results (Sessions Combined)

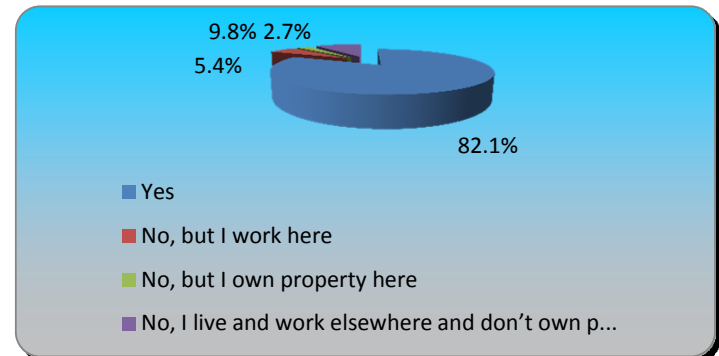
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1.) Warm Up Question: Which team do you prefer?		Responses	
ECU	26	25%	
UNC	21	20.19%	
NC State	23	22.12%	
Duke	10	9.62%	
Other	24	23.08%	
Totals	104	100%	

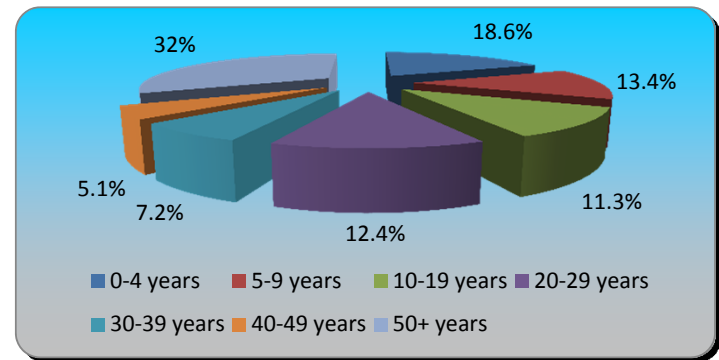


2.) Do you live in Camden County?		Responses	
Yes	92	82.14%	
No, but I work here	6	5.36%	
No, but I own property here	3	2.68%	
No, I live and work elsewhere and don't own p...	11	9.82%	
Totals	112	100%	



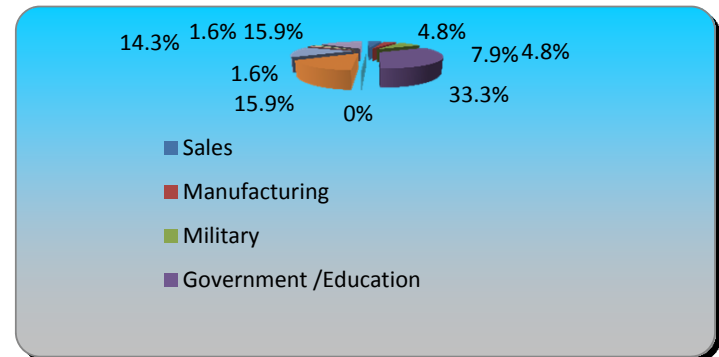
3.) If you live in Camden County, how long have you lived here?

	Responses	
0-4 years	18	18.56%
5-9 years	13	13.40%
10-19 years	11	11.34%
20-29 years	12	12.37%
30-39 years	7	7.22%
40-49 years	5	5.15%
50+ years	31	31.96%
Totals	97	100%



4.) For those that work outside the county, what is your profession?

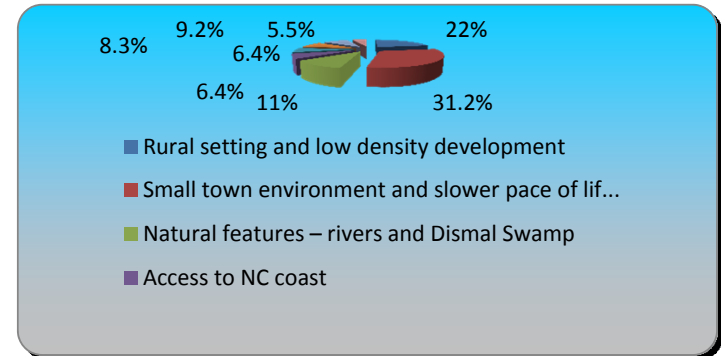
	Responses	
Sales	3	4.76%
Manufacturing	3	4.76%
Military	5	7.94%
Government /Education	21	33.33%
Medical	0	0%
Real estate development / Construction	10	15.87%
Technology / Professional Services	9	14.29%
Hospitality	1	1.59%
Agriculture	1	1.59%
Other	10	15.87%
Totals	63	100%



5.) What do you like most about Camden County?

Responses

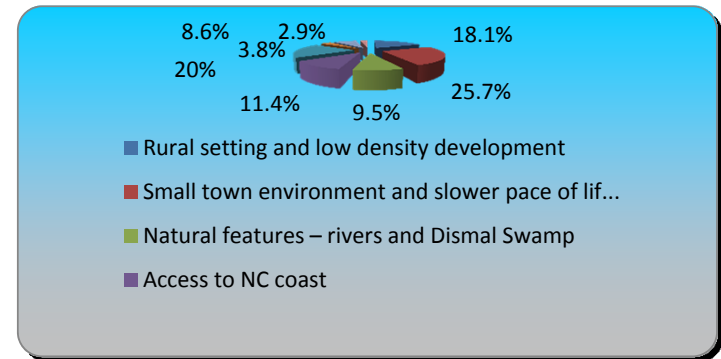
Rural setting and low density development	24	22.02%
Small town environment and slower pace of lif...	34	31.19%
Natural features – rivers and Dismal Swamp	12	11.01%
Access to NC coast	7	6.42%
Access to Hampton Roads area	7	6.42%
Sense of Community	9	8.26%
Affordable Cost of Living	10	9.17%
Other	6	5.50%
Totals	109	100%



6.) What do you like second most about Camden County?

Responses

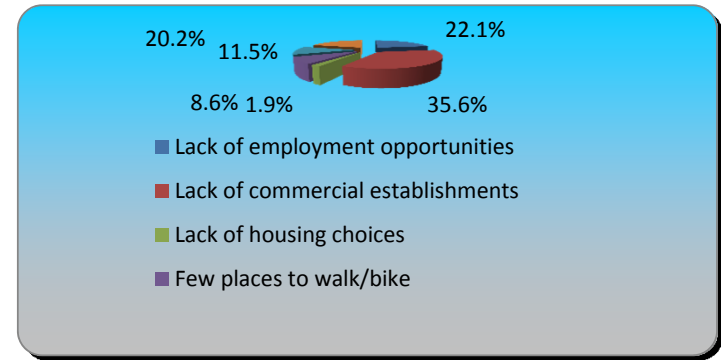
Rural setting and low density development	19	18.10%
Small town environment and slower pace of lif...	27	25.71%
Natural features – rivers and Dismal Swamp	10	9.52%
Access to NC coast	12	11.43%
Access to Hampton Roads area	21	20%
Sense of Community	4	3.81%
Affordable Cost of Living	9	8.57%
Other	3	2.86%
Totals	105	100%



7.) What do you like least about Camden County?

Responses

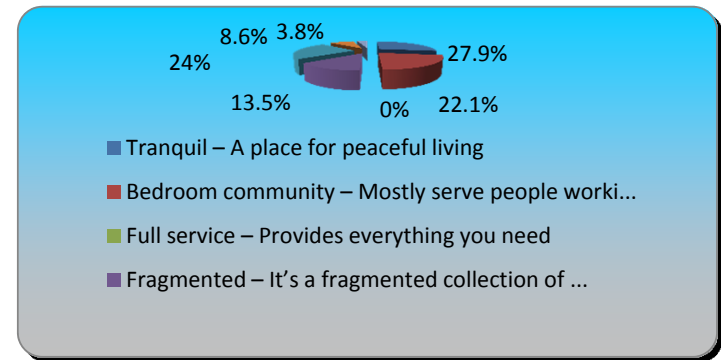
Lack of employment opportunities	23	22.12%
Lack of commercial establishments	37	35.58%
Lack of housing choices	2	1.92%
Few places to walk/bike	9	8.65%
Few places to have community gatherings	12	11.54%
Other	21	20.19%
Totals	104	100%



8.) Which phrase best describes Camden County today?

Responses

Tranquil – A place for peaceful living	29	27.88%
Bedroom community – Mostly serve people worki...	23	22.12%
Full service – Provides everything you need	0	0%
Fragmented – It's a fragmented collection of ...	14	13.46%
My hometown – It's a great place to establish...	25	24.04%
Not home – It's a great place to live for a w...	9	8.65%
Other	4	3.85%
Totals	104	100%



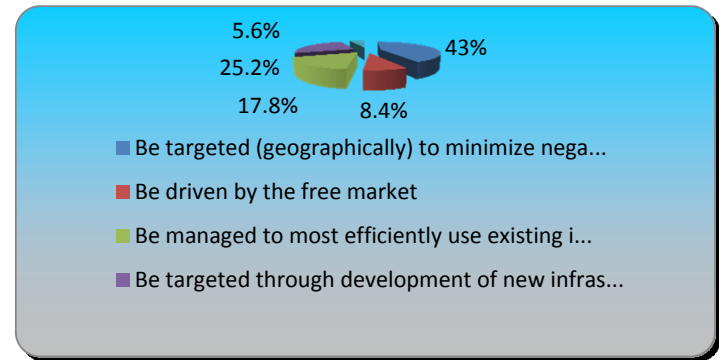
9.) Which phrase best describes your hope for Camden

County in the future?	Responses	
Tranquil – A place for peaceful living	26	24.76%
Bedroom community – Mostly serve people worki...	1	0.95%
Full service – Provides everything you need	36	34.29%
Fragmented – It's a fragmented collection of ...	1	0.95%
My hometown – It's a great place to establish...	36	34.29%
Not home – It's a great place to live for a w...	4	3.81%
Other	1	0.95%
Totals	105	100%



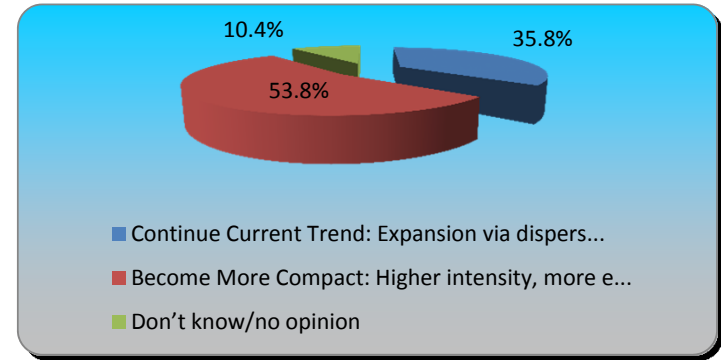
10.) Future growth in Camden County should....

	Responses	
Be targeted (geographically) to minimize nega...	46	42.99%
Be driven by the free market	9	8.41%
Be managed to most efficiently use existing i...	19	17.76%
Be targeted through development of new infras...	27	25.23%
Other	6	5.61%
Totals	107	100%



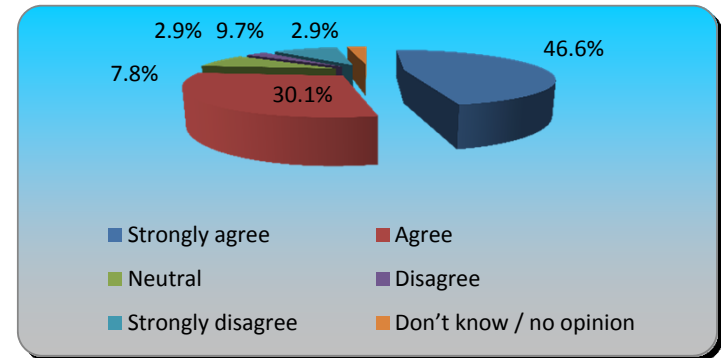
11.) Camden County should grow in the following manner...

	Responses	
Continue Current Trend: Expansion via dispers...	38	35.85%
Become More Compact: Higher intensity, more e...	57	53.77%
Don't know/no opinion	11	10.38%
Totals	106	100%



12.) "In considering new development, quality and appearance are more important than the number of units or how intensely they are organized."

	Responses	
Strongly agree	48	46.60%
Agree	31	30.10%
Neutral	8	7.77%
Disagree	3	2.91%
Strongly disagree	10	9.71%
Don't know / no opinion	3	2.91%
Totals	103	100%



**13.) If Camden County offered a job for your skill set,
would you work here?**

	Responses	
Strongly agree	70	72.92%
Agree	9	9.38%
Neutral	8	8.33%
Disagree	3	3.12%
Strongly disagree	1	1.04%
Don't know / no opinions	5	5.21%
Totals	96	100%

