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Vision Priority - Controlled bur definite growth.

- 1- Need more high density close to City (6 to 16 units per acre).
 - 2- Keep the Northwest 1 house per 10 acres.
 - 3- Put retail & businesses close to residential to shorten distances residents have to travel.
 - 4- Expand bus service as needed.
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Preserve Marion County as well balanced, not over built!!! We moved here 10 years ago from areas that lost the vision of comfort due to sprawl, builders _____ lands & corruption in County offices allowing this to happen! Listen to property owners (family owned) not by developers. Don't take away any protective designation to allow increase in growth! Improve what we have. Don't add congestion which only benefits a few!

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My vision is for Marion County to retain its farmlands, horse country appeal and "small city feel." My vision does not include sprawl in the picture. We must retain the rolling hills & rural beauty. I do not want us to turn into Tampa or Orlando.

Top 3 priorities: Retain our farmlands, water, over population.

I like our horse farms & small town feeling.

Quality of life negative effects:

- Over development
- Lack of water preservation
- Farmland preservation areas with large billboards

What would you change? The way County Commissioners do business.

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Vision: Sustainable consistent growth
 Increased long-term financial planning by governments
 Continuation of farmland preservation area

Top 3 priority issues:

1. Water resource planning/management
 2. Long-term transportation plan
 3. Defined urban boundaries/increased urban densities
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1. My vision is for the County to control growth so the lifestyle we all moved to Marion County for is not lost.

2. Environment – Jobs

3. Do you like - Rural Lifestyle

4. Changing – Make growth concentrated around City

5. Quality of Life – still good – Let us feel rural but have urban amenities available

6. Forest – doesn't help

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- 1- Keep the rural & horse farm culture that has been the hallmark of Marion.
 - 2- Retirement services, health care services and preserve rural nature of the land.
 - 3- Open air character of the county.
 - 4- Water use control
 - 5- Traffic flow
 - 6 – Better job opportunities for younger people.
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My vision for Marion County is a vibrant economically, environmentally, and socially diverse and sustainable community.

Three priority issues:

- 1- Transportation or land use
- 2- Economic development
- 3- Rural & historical preservation

What do you like: Greenway & parks

What would you change: Transit access, increased connectivity

Quality of life: Public open spaces or parks

Lacking in community: Cultural venues

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Vision – Maintain rural areas

Priorities – green space, water farmland

Likes – country roads

Change – Limit expansion of commercial areas

Lack – Controlling sprawl

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Stop bashing commissioners for approving some development – they are looking toward future – you moved here didn't you. – Now you want a fence around county with no growth.

Priority: 1- Plan for future growth that is coming.

2- Preserving farms in true rural areas is desirable, but be realistic about farms that are no longer in rural areas. The owners of ag land cannot be expected to pay for other residents to see “green space” FOREVER!

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“Realistic” smart growth – not No growth. Widen tax base to support county.

Priorities – 1. Be realistic about future growth. Tree huggers cannot dictate policy regarding all of County! 2- Allow in new businesses that will create jobs.

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Being a farm in the urban reserve boundary – we are very concerned with the removal of the 1-10 designation – we want to remain rural – Please. Urban Reserve is a good tool.

Our vision is not to look like Orlando, not look like Tampa. If we preserve our farms & open space – in the future, 30 years we may be the few remaining green spots in Florida.

1- Keep it green, growth held to concentrated areas – No sprawl

Top priorities: - Preserve Rural - Concentrate development especially in municipal (urban areas) – Growth Management – carrying capacities.

I love the community - Change: Make sure farmland preservation remains.

Quality of Life – Good education for children protection of our resources, appreciation of our diversities and commonalities. Balance!

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- A balance of beauty and business in Marion County.

- Managed growth so rural is able to prosper in their protected area and business is intensified in its local.

- Open Space and an opportunity for ag lifestyle to exist and prosper.

- Economic opportunity – in its place

- Change attitude that Marion County is not a first tier community.

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I envision a place that is healthy for the people who live here (all of them), and for the ecosystem on which we all depend. It is a welcoming place for all living things – i.e. as against a place that encourages people to pass through rapidly. This has implications for population limits, water, open space (corridors), etc.

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Vision – 1- Jobs.

2- Protect property owner rights.

3- Get rid of tree huggers

4- Life includes people. Promote democracy.

Top priority issues:

1- Bring life 2- Bring jobs 3-Tell tree huggers to leave 4- Give property rights to owners

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Vision has to do with the future not so much the past. Agriculture based Marion County is the past. How many at this gathering are farmers, own farmland, or work at a farm? A population of 310,000 & growing has moved past an open agricultural culture. We are a county of humans with human needs such as water, roads, jobs and affordable housing. We need to educate our young and not so young to be qualified to function in a technical world.

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Maintain rural character of Marion County.

Priorities: 1. Quality of life; 2- Clean water; 3- Truly be worthy of the title “horse capital of the world.” I like the small town character of Ocala, the friendliness of the citizens.

The varied equine communities. I would urge the County Commission to represent their citizens not the builders and their \$. They need to listen to their consultants & professional staffers – we have seen time & again people ignored & realize that decisions have already been reached ahead of time behind closed doors benefitting “the good ole’ boys.”

-Space – open space, clean air, clean water, good schools & health care . What is lacking is a vision for the future not a year or two from now, but ten, 20 years down the road. If more houses are not built, people will go elsewhere and where's the downside of that?

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My vision for Marion County is to develop strategies that limit growth to a level that our available water will sustain, and to maintain flexibility so that disparate areas are not forced into cookie cutter similarity.

3 top priority issues:

- 1- Water quality & availability
 - 2- Manage solid waste
 - 3- Develop industrial land opportunities
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- 1) Preserve Marion County as the Horse Capital, preserve what is left of the horse farms.
 - 2) a. Preserve the Greenway area as rural preservation.
b. Slow the growth.
c. Keep business and high density in the 40, 441 and SR 200 corridors.
 - 3) I enjoy the small town life.
 - 4) Set growth & population limits so we don't destroy what this community is and the aquifer.
 - 5) Seeing farmland destroyed.
 - 6) Everything I need is already here.
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To have reasonable responsible & sustainable growth.

To protect the water supply for now and future generations.

To protect green space especially wet lands, wood lands, and agricultural lands.

To respect the rural and agrarian culture – i.e. to preserve what's left of "old Florida" its heritage, historic structures, the beauty of its natural environment, especially what remains of its wonderful wildlife both its flora & fauna.

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- a) To maintain Ocala's distinct image of "Horse Capital of the World" by :
 - i) encouraging rural stability so that horse farms may thrive
 - ii) to limit urban sprawl to a minimum
 - iii) to develop existing possible areas within the urban line
 - iv) to control unsightly hoarding to fit in with a rural image
 - v) to develop a high tech business park to encourage favorable affluent work force – this will not impact Ocala's rural character but will bring increased income which can be invested in an excellent school system.
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Commercial developments in proper connection with all facilities – of public-and-their need and in line of transportation for all. Places to fill medical needs without long drive. A good connection to eateries. Clean air. Water distribution.

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- 1- Build its strengths – horse farms, open spaces and the things that make it unique and can best be marketed.
 - 2- Promote horse park and places like it that make us unique. Be proactive in determining a vision for Marion County rather than just predicting the growth and how we are going to be reactive in handling it.
 - 3- Rural nature.
 - 4- Industrialize along major roadways and leave the rest of it alone.
 - 5- Feeling of fresh
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1. Preservation of existing rural agricultural lands.
2. Increase density in urban areas by building up, not out into rural area.
3. Protection of water recharge areas as #1 priority.

Priority issues: 1. Water 2. Water 3. Water

Like – the open green spaces

Change – make farm preservation area untouchable by development

Quality of life – Overdevelopment

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- Keep Marion a peaceful place to live.
Develop shopping centers that do not spill over.
Try to keep as many trees as possible.
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- 1- Marion County needs funding source for – Pennies for Parks-
50% should go to land purchases for environmental lands and 50% for activity based parks. We can bring state funds into our company and leverage our money.
 - 2-Open Space should be increased to 20% or 25%.
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My vision is a balance of environment, nature, wealth sharing, prosperity for all. Keeping all as happy as possible.

- 1- Don't make it difficult for a business to survive – responsible taxation.
- 2- Eliminate blighted unused structures that devalue the properties around them.
- 3- Stop the allowance of so many tax free establishments.

Like – Rural predictability of people's behavior. Too many city people and not enough jobs creates crime.

Change – Raise educational standards and awareness. Educated children and people typically work together better.

Quality of life – When people can't fit in with their community, they get disruptive. Try to help our community live and work together. Too many people in separate lives – let's get to meet one another.

Lacking – People that want things to be better need to come up to the plate with suggestions and feasible ideas. Stop complaining and finding fault. Get involved and make Marion County a real great place to live.

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Urban boundaries are necessary to control annexations by the incorporated towns in the County. We need to really protect the aquifer by placing the most sensitive Karst areas off-limits to intense development. The central Karst ridge through the center of the County is the most sinkhole, highest recharge, easiest to pollute! We have the horse industry to prop up rural land values (Other counties do not have that luxury) STOP further urban encroachment of urban development north and south of Ocala! The population can be accommodated in dense locations where subdivision has already occurred. Putting in water and sewer does not protect the land or aquifer from stormwater runoff. Require cistern –type capture of rainfall in urban development.

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Preserve agricultural areas. No new developments while so many unbuilt lots exist. Keep CR 475/CR475A/66th (Williams Road) 2- lane. Make scenic road ordinance stronger, it is too easy to amend. Keep scenic roads 2-lane. Stop making huge, wide intersections with enough paving to land a 747 when a narrower paved road works as well. Say no to developers more often-

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- Growth based on available water
- Reasonable growth of construction
- The family & availability of wide scale of interests
- Slow down growth. Protect our Earth!

Quality of life with reasonable growth and watchful of water controls and act accordingly.

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Master planned community with city & urban expansion coordinated with City & County. Maintain a designated historic area, tree (oak) preservation ordinance. Do not have such drastic mixes of mobile homes adjacent to ½ million homes, etc. back to mobile homes. Upper end 5-story multi-family with lots of green space.

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To provide sustainable, quality of life including educate a work force, open space for recreation, high tech business employment opportunities, cultural activities for all ages, and maintain our unique agricultural area. To become a model County for quality growth rather than a copy of failed sprawling area such as highly dense counties of South Florida.

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Slow growth until funds are available for infrastructure – Roads – Water & sewer – Utilities. 1- Work for better jobs. Commercial – industrial areas are vital for our future of existing and new citizens. 2- Focus on corridor study (detailed maps with costs to accomplish projects). Like open spaces, natural forest. Environmental land we all have acquired.

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- 1-Maintain the beauty, environmental charm (including heritage live oak trees) of rural atmosphere of Marion County in the controlled managed growth.
 - 2-Preserve farmland live oak trees, and prevent congestion of population growth.
 - 3-Rural character and atmosphere near urban areas.
 - 4-Prevent rampant growth by outside non-native developers.
 - 5-Unwanted destruction of farmland.
 - 6-Control of growth outside of existing developments pay as you go additions & services by those requiring them.
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- Strong growth management – Limit growth!
 - Retention of rural areas – do not permit further encroachment by development.
 - Retain & enlarge Farmland Preservation Areas.
 - Do not permit zoning/special use permit without extensive analysis.
 - Preserve rural environment and water (springs, rivers, lakes).
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Marion County should be a small to medium community with an abundance of rural, open space development.

Priorities: 1- Maintain small town community

2- Open space (Rural)

3- A community committed to retirement segment not industrialize.

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That Marion County PRESERVE & PROTECT all that it markets itself to be – “The Horse capital of the World.” That means preservation of open space, boundaries between urban & rural areas – the beauty of this county is its farms – the rest of it is just any other crowded city. People who visit fall in love BECAUSE of the openness – the gorgeous farms. 1- Protect the farms. 2- Protect our water resources. 3- Reduce densities between urban & rural. I would change the seemingly basic philosophy that we must grow – if we are bold enough to limit the number of lots etc., we all win – supply & demand – limit supply, prices go up. Lacking in our community – protection of our way of life & our water resources. Development seems to be dominant.

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Priority issues:

1- Protect agricultural community

2- Reduce commercial and residential sprawl

3- Protect natural resources, particularly groundwater.

I like The beautiful agricultural areas, the small towns, the older neighborhoods in Ocala.

I would change the strip commercial development and misguided subdivisions in rural areas and lacking infrastructure.

Quality of life - Poorly planned development. Little regard for built environment.

Lacking – A sense of place.

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1. Horse capital of the World
 2. a) Quality of life b) Rural Preservation c) 2-lane scenic roads
 3. Small horse farms & ag farms, 2-lane scenic roads, Cross Florida Greenway, Florida Horse Park, hills, trees
 4. Do not want: I-75 Interchange at SE 95th Street
 5. Change the family division so it is better regulated to see decreased density in Rural lands but leave ag homes/10 acres. Make stricter rules for family division – Land must remain in family members name for 5 years.
 6. 4-lane Roads
 7. Rural preservation with incentives
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1. Building be limited to water supply. Plan corridors for wildlife in communities.
 2. Three priorities: (a) landscape with native plants that require little or no extra water.
(b) Better recycling program – need something closer to the many retirement communities on SR 200.
(c) Require golf courses to use tertiary treated water.
 3. I like parks like Shalom – great theater Ocala Civic Theater – great museum
 4. Would like to change the way commission continues to change the land use plan.
 5. Traffic overload.
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My vision for Marion County is to protect what is left of the agricultural landscape & ecological benefits that are vital to the future of citizens.
Priority issues – 1- Water; 2- Garbage; 3- Health & air
I like the county & agricultural character of Marion County.
Development strategies to provide for use of current projects with influence on future growth.

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Vision: Peace & harmony with the natural and built environment.
Respect for individual opinions. Patience with a process for discovering these opinions.
Persistence to implement.
Top 3 issues: Water supply, local food production, reasonable housing
Like – My community is NW area of County. I like the rural character, small towns with unique and authentic.

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1. A balance of rural/natural areas, residential neighborhoods with town centers, light upscale high tech industries; excellent schools, colleges, and research campuses; a vibrant “city center” with cultural and entertainment variety – all surrounded by thousands of oaks and other newly planted trees.
2. (a) Smoother traffic flow.
(b) Preserving natural environment & water.
(c) Excellent quality of life facilities: hospitals, schools, parks.
3. The natural beauty when it still exists.

4. To change – helter-skelter development.
5. Traffic, water scarcity, lack of cultural variety
6. A vibrant “city center.”

GET RID OF THE UGLY BILLBOARDS!

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My vision for the County is to see proper planning so that we manage our expected growth in a responsible way, maximizing our green space and accommodating future Marion County residents in an attractive & meaningful way. We need courage to develop densities at a higher rate in the more urban areas and in the urban reserve so that we do not force growth any further in our beautiful rural areas.

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I would like the area to retain the small town, open area, horse farms atmosphere. I am not in favor of building more shopping centers. Housing should be stopped until existing homes and lots are occupied. I do not want to live in a big city.

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- 1- To build a larger horse industry where good clean living is available for our families.
 - a. To keep our County clean.
 - b. To not be overcrowded so our children will have a safe place to live.
 - c. To preserve our water before we destroy it.
 - 2- That people are friendly and helpful to neighbors – which is not true in big cities.
 - 3- Holding on to horse farms – Stop raising taxes so high on the large farms so they can stay.
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1. In years to come – a good place to be from. Just look at Counties to the south .
 2. Water – Growth
 3. The County & farmlands & horse farms
 4. No new residents
 5. Peace & quiet & tranquility
 6. Not much – it’s pretty good as is.
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Responsible sustainable growth and a focus on compact contiguous high density development.

1. High density development, concurrency issues, County utility expansion.
 2. I like our bodies of water.
 3. Transportation – new mass transit ideas.
 4. Preservation of open space affects me most.
 5. There is a lack of input from the community as a whole.
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Allow for responsible growth, concentrated as much as possible in the urban areas, within the urban service areas, while attempting to retain the rural character of the unincorporated areas of the County as much as feasibly possible.

Top 3 issues: 1- Protecting our water

2- Keeping the building industry viable. 3- Encouraging continuing economic viability.

Like: 1- Diversity 2- Rural character 3- Unique charm of our County

4- Openness of government to community participation.

Change – I would like to see less state mandates & more local control.

Quality of life – Economic issues

Lacking – I would love to see more community participation at these types of meetings.

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a) To allow responsible growth in a way that allows all people an opportunity to move to this County and enjoy it the way we do know.

b) 1- Stopping retirement communities that cause additional cost for services for younger families.

2 – Impact fees. People inside County shouldn't pay impact fees if moved in County. (portable impact fee).

3 – Condense growth in Cities, build higher not out.

c) The fact that homeownership is over 80% that's because of lots being affordable.

d) Less Over 55+ communities.

e) Less building less \$

f) People not concerned about economy but more concerned with their own (I got mine nobody else welcome!) We need more concern for families trying to make a living then retired people will love theirs.

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Maintain farmland – that's what attracted us to Marion County in the first place!

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Keep the Comp Plan the way it is.

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1- Stop the unmitigated use of the Marion County Commissioners to grease the wheels for land developers to make money on property speculation.

2. the character of the community has been altered from rural Florida to retirement golfing settlements that are isolated from other population groups. Gated communities are lethal to a sense of responsibility to nurture children and young people.

3. Stop killing farming communities. Ensure that wildlife and wild areas are protected from constant threats from development. Natural resources (water sources) must be conserved wisely.

I love being able to recognize people I know when I am out and about. Marion County has changed into a group of isolated strangers with little respect for the older, established Florida character.

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- 1) My vision is that Marion County not become another featureless urban area.
 - 2) Top 3 priority issues:
 - a) Slow down growth by limiting land use changes.
 - b) Adopt a policy that identifies that a conflict of interest exists when developers, builders and others in the construction trade participate on zoning boards and Planning Commission.
 - 3) Preserve the Greenway, the Ocklawaha River, farmlands and the natural springs.
 - 4) I like the scenic qualities of Marion County.
 - 5) I would like to see the influence of developers minimized.
 - 6) Runaway growth and all the negatives.
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I would like to see our county prioritize Greenway beyond what we currently have. I feel we need to halt future development in our rural areas. It is difficult to comprehend how we might fill all currently planned development and sustain those individuals and their required infrastructure. I would like to see further studies to create access and monitor local water sources, creeks, lakes, and high water recharge areas. We grant ag exemptions for high water recharge but do not check adequately those areas to be sure they conform to water quality standards.

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- 1- Rural/urban clean, crime free, friendly environment to raise children and live.
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Enhance quality of life for residents of Marion County and future residents of Marion County.

- Top 3 priorities:
- 1- Protect water supply
 - 2- Create or designate the Greenway between Baseline Trailhead & Rainbow River and promote recreational uses.
 - 3- Designate enough land for schools.
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1. Educate your employees so they know how to enforce current codes.
2. Keep rural areas.
3. Bring industry to current urban reserve instead of homes.
4. Beautify our roadways, parks, etc. & get roads fixed.

Get a better PA

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Slow down growth – or we'll end up like south Florida with no water.

- 1- 10 acres per homesite with 1 time family division.
- 2- Water is an issue.
- 3- Preserve rural lands.

I love the beauty of this County but it's slowly being taken away by development.

We need more road repairs. Educate your building permitting employees – You never get the same answer with each person you talk to.

Do not develop more areas in the North part of County.

Beautification of parks.

Bring a few large businesses to give employment to current residents.

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I tell everyone I live in heaven on earth. I live in the NW part of County. Marion County is one of the most beautiful places in Florida. We have lakes, rivers, parks & beautiful trees. We are growing so fast – the trees are leaving and our water depleted with each new building. We aren't keeping our roads in good condition. Our wildlife is leaving too. I want people to visit our little slice of heaven but they will have to live somewhere else.

1. Our #1 problem is water – I don't want to be like our neighbors to the south who no longer have water. We need to stop shipping our water to others.
 2. Less homes and more clean air industries to supply our residents with more jobs.
 3. Mass transportation will need to be improved – gas is higher so more will use. But 1st – fix our roads . Preserve our land – keep our open farm land.
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1) Balanced growth to include more employment opportunities, so we should focus on creating an atmosphere where people can live, work and play. Need more job opportunities, so need industrial & business zoned land.

2) Take advantage of our location on the technology corridor along I-75.

3) Master plan roadways total buildout & designate future corridor road locations. Consider limited access roadways.

4) Encourage higher densities in urban areas to preserve green space in rural areas.

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To have enough green space and open areas so that we do not suffer from colony collapse disorder, a plague that impacts bees in every area of the world. It means that because of pesticides, inadequate food and rampant electronic waves, the bees have vanished. Gone. Kaput. Since bees pollinate about 2/3 of the world's crops, the disappearance of bees means that the world will be limited to those crops that do not require pollination to produce. In short, if we cover the earth with houses, infrastructure and pavement, our best meal on any day will be oat gruel.

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Maintain a rich quality of life by preserving our best natural resources. Buffering state and federal green spaces with less intensive development adjoining it. Fewer land use changes should be allowed especially those that change the character of rural lands.

We need concurrency for water cautionary areas. If there is no water there should be no large DRIs or PUDs allowed if we don't have adequate available water.

Marion County is behind on the infrastructure costs over 1 billion on roads, 1.2 billion for water and now billions for a new power plant in Levy County. Growth is the cause and it should pay for itself and for the above mentioned infrastructure costs.

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1. Preserve the rural/agrarian character of Marion County.
2. Solve problem of vacant lots, push density to the cities, reduce density and preserve rural lands between city and rural areas.
3. Small town rural/agrarian life.
4. Stop the creation of new lots.
5. Population density.
6. A willingness to control growth.

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1. Vision for marion County - Stay sane, do not become Orlando North. We do not need more people.
 2. Priority issues: a. Do not build more roads.
b. Un-vest any vested properties after a certain date.
c. Do not have our land use map reflect use of # 8 soil for any developments, only for ag use.
 3. My community is Salt Springs and I like the security of knowing it is surrounded by undevelopable land (U.S. Forest Service)
 4. Change nothing.
- We need to stop letting developers make our land use decisions! Let's have voters decide.
Hometown Democracy Amendment Style-

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- To be the top rated community for Thoroughbred horse raising & racing.
- To be a cultural center for mid Florida.
- Top 3 issues:
 - a) secure Florida Thoroughbred racing
 - b) water resources
- Like: Wide open spaces
- Change: No more development of the horse farms.

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- A community where there is a town center of residential and business communities mixed.
- There will be a large rural contingency which will remain, as the horse industry (and other industries) brings about jobs, beauty, environmental protection, etc.
- Growth should be carefully designated, having high-cluster areas so that a large amount of land can be kept for rural containment & growth.
- Farms should not be allowed to be fewer than 10 acres.
- High cluster areas can be contained like the Villages, with shopping & entertainment so that sprawl can be held/stopped.

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Higher densities within areas of urban service, bus service, central schools, water & sewer, police & fire. Growth in Urban Reserve. Less densities in areas relying on well & septic. Preservation of greens space areas and horse farms 10+ acres. Rural commercial nodules to reduce driving.

Priorities – Develop Urban Reserve to high density where there is available water & sewer.

- Residential lots in areas requiring well & septic should be developed within a specific time period or lose its ability to be developed.

Like- Horse farms, rural nature of outlying area.

1/3 of county currently in Ocala National Forest or Greenway.

Affects most – Stop old lots or septic from being developed in less than 5 acre parcels.

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1. Remain primarily rural but with modest high tech sustainable growth.
 2. Avoid rampant growth. Avoid sprawl. Protect environment & natural resources.
 3. Beauty of countryside & natural environment.
 4. Change emphasis from growth economy to high tech economy.
 5. Excess population & excess traffic.
 6. Foresight & rational planning.
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1. Not let Marion County get too crowded.
 2. Preserve our water, farmland preservation.
 3. Very welcoming area. Very comfortable.
 4. Curtail large scale development.
 5. Lack of water infrastructure. Too many people here.
 6. Use recycled water for watering lawns.
 7. Don't give our water away to other cities.
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- 1- Maintain rural character of County.
 - 2 - Protect our natural resources! Keep a viable agriculture presence here. Better schools, parks – Preservation of recharge areas.
 - 3 – The horses, the Granddaddy Oaks, the formerly pure water.
 - 4- The rapid growth.
 - 5- The rapid growth or pollution of the springs.
 - 6- Vision (of greener, cleaner development – better schools)
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Marion County should maintain a balance of a central commercial area & a rural & open space area that will minimize excessive growth and/or minimize growth of the cost of living.

Priorities:

- 1- Protect springs
- 2- Develop infrastructure for water
- 3- Protect horse industry

Like: Friendly community, clean air, low pressure

Change: Program to develop wastewater & reclaimed water for areas with large number of vested lots. Limit growth to available water.

Life impact: Low pressure lifestyle.

Lacking: Restraining too much growth; infrastructure for reused water; Springs protection.

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- 1- Retain country-like feeling.
 - 2- Conversation land – more parks; Improved drainage – roads. Preserve/improve downtown.
 - 3- Friendly atmosphere, family oriented.
 - 4- Clean up the town!!! Some areas need to be demolished.
 - 5- Health issues – hospital-medical services/more tech.
 - 6- Excellent restaurants, more cultural offerings.
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A low to moderate people density to preserve our water & agricultural heritage. This is horse country. Let's keep it that way. Our farm & grazing land must remain.

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Use lots already approved before more lots are approved for that same area.
Do not change land approval to satisfy builders.
Mandate water & sewer.
Create industrial areas for new jobs.

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- 1- Over population causing shortage of our natural resources.
 - 2- Stop the lack of control over urban sprawl. Limit large developments. Make sure we have land preservation.
 - 3- Good roads.
 - 4- More preservation of land for wild life.
 - 5- Water use.
 - 6- Recycle.
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- 1- Equal consideration for 5 and/or 10 acre tracts.
 - 2- More liberal on zoning for commercial business.
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Maintain rural atmosphere of Marion County and using xeroscape instead of grass; stop clear cutting; making it possible for wildlife to coexist within our communities. We need coop farms for families who can't afford individual farms.

3 priority issues:

- 1- Use current lots & housing before allowing new communities
- 2- More green spaces and much less clear cutting; making it mandatory to keep wooded area.
- 3- Fewer malls & strip malls.

Change:

- Make more public transportation available.
- More parks

- More ecosensitive landscaping especially in developments
Affects the most: - Loss of beautiful land to malls & empty lots.

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Maintain the rural character of Hwy 27 north of I-75. Keep the beautiful large farmlands from being developed into hamlets or high density developments. Closely manage retail development as necessary and not allow rampant growth by developers. Quality of life is maintaining living in the wide open spaces I chose to buy my farm – now being encroached by developing farms that threaten that quality of living.

- Why do we need 3 Lowe's? – Why do we need so many Walgreen's & CVS?
- Why do we have so many dirt roads in the County?

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- 1- Priority issues: Water, Water, Water.
- 2- The rural nature of Marion County
- 3- Change – Use real statistics for future planning
- 4- Environment

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The Urban Service Boundary should require all development to have sufficient infrastructure in place i.e. concurrency management. These services will include water, sewer, transit, schools, police, fire, parks, etc. The areas outside the urban service boundary should not be considered for development other than rural, agricultural, etc. This means no DRIs outside the boundary. Concentrate development within areas already impacted by development or with vested development rights.

Sustainability:

- 1- Concentrating development within the urban service boundary.
- 2- Preserve open space/conservation & agricultural land.
- 3 – Protect springs – aquifer, etc.
- 4- Transportation.
- 5- Economic development – Hi tech jobs – Manufacturing.
- 6- Build green.

(81)

To be a standout community respecting our sense of place through the continued development of a vibrant, diverse economy, preservation of natural & community assets & an energized & involved citizenry.

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Less growth & maintain the rural setting. Better water use & control. Jobs needed!

(83)

A community that reflects the diversity of its residents, supporting their needs for utilities, employment, health care and services, transportation infrastructure, affordable housing and education.

- 1- Efficient transportation infrastructure.
 - 2- Organized development that preserves the rural character of the county.
 - 3- Affordable housing that builds supportive local communities.
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A rural county with clustered urban service centers.

Priorities: Water, infrastructure, utilities.

Likes: City of Ocala – compact services, infrastructure.

Change: Absolutely limit sprawl!!

Quality of life: Lack of mass transportation and clustered urban services.

Lacking: Affordable housing and designated industrial sectors.

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Marion County is a crossroad for the whole state. The northeastern portion, about 1/3 of the county, is national forest. Industrial growth should go to the I-75, US 301 or US 441 areas. Route 40 should be at least 4-laned east to west coast.

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Development consistent with the architecture of “New Urbanism” in several areas of the county.

Priorities: Employ economic principles for water, sewers & roads. Extend from sources & systems already working.

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My vision of Marion County is to maintain the rural character that currently exists.

Obviously, growth is necessary in order to continue the quality of life, but it must be done in a way that maintains this rural character.

Top 3 issues: Water, water, water.

Like: Quite, wide open spaces

Change: More transparency with regard to Commission relationships with the development community.

What affects quality: Increased traffic degrades quality of life.

(88)

1) My vision: Farmland preservation and limited urban development.

2) Stop permitting development until the mandated Karst study is completed.

3) My community is rural. I would change nothing.

4) Quality of life is affected negatively by the threat of housing development and the potential threat to the aquifer should development continue.

Top 3 issues:

- 1- Marion County stops all new development permitting until the mandated Karst Study is completed.
- 2- The county declares its intention to change the model of growth from the endless – permitting – of – medium-density model, to a commitment to farmland preservation, green space protection and urban infill.
- 3- The County makes an absolute commitment to protecting the Floridian Aquifer and the land that recharges it.

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1. Multicultural community that preserves its rural character.
2. Top 3:
 - a) Farmland preserved. Water preserved.
 - b) Sheriff-Fire-police support.
 - c) Support for schools
3. Diversity of ages, cultures, socioeconomic groups (general). The rural nature of my neighborhood (Fellowship) and its convenience to goods and services.
4. I would change the part that the county commissioners seem to wave in the interest of developers.
5. Fresh water – rural ambience, quality goods and services.
6. Nothing lacking for me at present.

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- Restrict growth – commercial & residential to retain smaller town atmosphere.
 - Seek companies to provide employment for graduating students who can remain in County and earn decent living. (Graduate more students from H.S.)
 - Change: Unmanageable, haphazard growth.
 - Study water management thoroughly to ensure future availability for expected population increase.
 - Lacking interest of more residents in local government issues, problems, solutions and appreciation for what we have!!!
- Thank you to those trying to do the best for Marion County – an unrewarding service in many cases.

(91)

Marion County is a place with clearly distinguished urban & rural areas. Numerous towns/cities. The rural areas consist largely of 4 areas:

- 1- The NW – Horse country; 2- the eastern 1/3 – The Forest; 3- the extreme SW- Withlacoochee River area; 4- North Central – Orange Lake, Citra, Ft. McCoy/Eureka.
- Ten (10) cities: Ocala, Belleview, Dunnellon, McIntosh, Reddick, Silver Springs Shores, Marion Oaks, Rainbow Lakes, Villages, Orange Blossom Hills.
2. Each City has a vibrant diverse economy. Industries should be a mix of manufacturing service that are cultivated based on...
 3. Revenues should be derived to fund the development of infrastructure.

(92)

Create a plan that everyone in Marion County can live with.

#1 priority, keep the Farmland Preservation Area and ban all large scale development from this area for the life of the Vision.

Perform environmental studies to determine how much water is available now and how much new construction it can support. Once the limit is reached, no more building permits until replacement water sources are available.

Focus new construction on the logical centers in place today – Marion Oaks, Belleview, Silver Springs Shores, Rainbow Lakes, etc.

Ban all large scale developments outside of the defined development areas for 10 years (life of the Vision). Changes would require a unanimous vote by the Commissioners.

Mandate central water & sewers for all defined development areas. Mandate the new environmental septic systems for all Springs Protection areas where central sewers are not available.

Develop a recycled/reclaimed water program that works.

Prioritize the road improvements to the defined development areas. Do not improve roads that will draw development to other areas.

Build schools and parks together. Create sports complexes in the parks that can be used by the schools and the rest of the Marion County residents.

Institute a Tree Ordinance to save the granddaddy Live Oaks and other significant trees. Don't cut down granddaddy oaks for road "improvements," advertising signs or agriculture.

Coordinate the Vision with the Cities in Marion County and the School Board.

Create a citizens' panel to oversee the Vision Process with sufficient power to stop actions that will alter the Vision.