

## **Where are we now? Values**

### **Uplands, August 4, 2015**

Not enough variance in beliefs (religious), close-minded

All Republican

Wasteful Lifestyle

Obese

Family over worked

Weak support of school system

Close knit family environment needed that is not provided by the school

Not enough family influence for values

The use of the Confederate flag here by individuals can be intimidating, causes a division in the community

Lack of regard for public safety

Community of Christian values is divided

Family structure getting younger, median age is young (kids having kids)

Like slower pace lifestyle

Strong family influence

Area poverty won't improve

Slow to change

## **Where are we now? Workforce**

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No value in higher education

County only advertises for retirement (golf)

No industry

Under educated workforce

Good work ethic

Low wages require additional help from organizations like Habitat for Humanity

Location big plus on transportation

Higher education very good for community

Jobs are mostly lower paying service jobs

Lack of ambition

Lack of emphasis on education

Issues are improving slowly

## **Where are we now? Social**

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Access to healthcare for youth and young families limited (premiums are too high)

Senior care is okay

Good parks, Playhouse, Palace Theatre

Playhouse is active in community

Issue with domestic violence and drug abuse

Healthcare needs improvement

A high use of tobacco among population

We have a good ARTS presence in Pleasant Hill

Good presence with Cumberland County Playhouse & Cumberland County Film Society

A lot of drugs

Lack of vision for the future

UCARTS support is excellent

Entertainment opportunities (Playhouse) excellent

Healthcare is improving

Still have poverty issues

Library is doing a great job

**Where are we now? Cultural**

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Proud people

Close minded, possibly based on insecurity

Vast cultural differences

**Where are we going? Values**

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No improvement

Trying to include children of a wider community in activities

Trying to develop relationships with children

**Where are we going? Workforce**

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Going backwards

No infrastructure ready for industry

**Where are we going? Social**

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No change for youth, younger may get worse

**Where are we going? Cultural**

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Worsening

**Where do we want to be? Values**

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Train for diversity/values

**Where do we want to be? Workforce**

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Train for work ethic and self worth in schools

Be ready for industry with infrastructure

Better education

Impressed with and honor our teachers

Better educated workforce to draw jobs

Need better payscale

More viable full time jobs

Stronger official industry recruitment

Transportation system

## **Where do we want to be? Social**

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Eliminate domestic violence

More emphasis on arts, music, humanities, etc.

Support Cumberland County Playhouse and any entity that supports education

More emphasis on social skills to enhance potential

Want social/universal healthcare

More education will draw better healthcare

More support for Art Circle Public Library

More expanded use of VORP

More drug rehab

Need food distribution program to all communities

Better coordination by community leaders

More emphasis on the ARTS to pull all economic groups together

The following was submitted in writing:

“My main/only concern is about light pollution caused by night lighting. This always occurs with more development, etc. and with more people moving here.

I believe that children, especially, and also adults who move to the retirement communities, want and need connections with nature, including a dark sky to see stars, learn and watch them.

My suggestion and strong request is that all new lighting (streets, public buildings, individual safety lighting, businesses, etc.) be the type that aims the light downward, not up and out in all directions. This is the most efficient use of energy, doesn't distort the migration patterns of bird, etc. The Cumberland Mountain State Park is a great example of this correct use of lighting.”

**Where do we want to be? Cultural**

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Change to more civic & responsible environment

More teaching or support on relationships at a younger age