

Citizen Survey Feedback-Survey Monkey (8 Respondents October/November)

Camden County Successes

- Cooperation/Collaboration between cities, counties and authorities
- Co-location of JDA, Chamber of Commerce and The Camden Partnership
- Team work b/w cities, county and JDA on the economic development of Camden
- Raising 1 mil for ED
- Balancing the budget with declining revenues
- JDA Leadership change
- Spaceport Commitment
- Fire and police studies

What makes Camden County “A Great Place to Live”?

- Environment, people, compelling future
- Family environment
- Hometown/Place of birth
- The views
- Location
- Friendly people
- The PEOPLE
- Small size
- Proximity to big city with major transportation
- Good weather
- Good schools

What would you like to see in Camden in 2030?

- Spaceport
- More Industrial Jobs
- More industrialized with high tech educational and career opportunities
- More entertainment
- Less dilapidated properties
- Sustainable industry
- Profitable, civilian enterprise
- More industry and commercial developments (in order to help reduce residential taxes)
- Offer 15 technical programs thru the technical college system of GA that articulate the College of Coastal Ga
- Aerospace corridor
- More shared services
- Trail connectivity for biking and walking

Camden’s Major Challenges:

- How to get industries to locate in Camden
- Commitment
- Money
- Passion
- County Ordinance that will be enforced
- Lack of vision, direction and leadership (too many power struggles)
- Cohesiveness among entities
- Attracting commercial developers
- Getting a technical college

- College of Coastal GA must forge a relationship with coastal pines that documents and markets articulated programs b/w the two institutions to our community.
- Leadership changes that lose the intensity and the way.
- Submitting to small vocal minority that does not want change.
- Lack of risk taking
- Willingness to fund growth regardless of immediate impact

Camden County’s Service Responsibilities:

- Fire/ Rescue
- Protect citizens
- Attract businesses and jobs
- Reduce taxes
- Provide economical utilities for businesses and residences
- Simplify development code
- Improve services for elderly and disabled
- Improve infrastructure
- Create business friendly environment that provides head of household options
- Good schools
- Leadership and communication
- Connections to ATL and DC
- Collaboration with cities
- Planned growth
- Good jobs
- Creation of a land bank to keep green aspects of county and cities

Willing to pay for more: Economic Development, getting a technical college in Camden

What “doable” projects, issues, actions would you recommend in 2015:

- Safety at Exit 1
- Consolidation
- More sidewalks
- Beautification plan
- Promote the next SPLOST to fund the construction of the technical college at the exit 7 location
- Trail leadership, organize to connect all cities and county
- Support and fund TCP now and in the future
- Support Kings Bay more openly and directly
- Get technical college to be on board with plan