

Sustainability Commission

September 18, 2012

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

City of Franklin – Community Development Room – City Hall

4:00 p.m.	Call to Order/Introductions	Ken Scalf
4:05 pm – 4:10 pm	*Approval of Meeting Minutes	Ken Scalf
4:10 pm – 4:20 pm	Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking Garage Lighting Upgrades• Solar Array at WWTP Update• FAQ Sheet for website	Andrew Orr
4:20 pm – 5:20 pm	Analyzing Results <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survey Results• Public Meetings Feedback• Template for Action Plan• Timeline• Special Session?	
5:20 pm -- 5:25 pm	Other News/Items	All
5:25 pm — 5:30 pm	Adjourn	Ken Scalf

*Item contains an attachment or link

MISSION STATEMENT: The Sustainability Commission provides guidance to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the Planning Commission and leadership for the entire Franklin Community.

The City of Franklin has committed itself to developing an ongoing strategy of sustainability for the community. This initiative will be designed to achieve viable, fulfilling, and rewarding lifestyles for our residents and business partners through responsible and innovative stewardship of the environment.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

JUNE 18, 2012

The Franklin Sustainability Commission held a meeting on Monday, June 18, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., in the City Hall Training Room.

Members Present: L.K. Browning, Teresa Harris, Libby Marley, Brian Miller, John Saxton, Ken Scalf, Lisa Smith, Adam Ballash

Members Absent: Chuck Barber, Mayor Ken Moore

Staff Present: Dan Allen, Juan Davis, Wayne Davenport, Andrew Orr

Visitors Present: None

The agenda read as follows:

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Scalf called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Scalf presented the May 15, 2012, minutes for consideration.

Ms. Browning moved to approve the May 15, 2012, minutes.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve.

The minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT

Mr. Wayne Davenport and Mr. Juan Davis discussed the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Energy Conservation Project. The WWTP is one of only a few plants in the state that is part of the joint EPA/TVA/MTEMC/TDEC/University of Memphis/Schneider Electric study to analyze plant operations and energy usage. We have worked closely with the project partners by hosting them at the facility and attending workshops. We have gone to two workshops and will attend two more.

We also loaded energy usage data into Energy Star Portfolio Manager to help track and document electricity usage. Our WWTP scored a 44. A score of more than 50 indicates that the plant is more energy efficient than over half of the other plants with similar characteristics and a score of less than 50 indicates that the plant is less efficient than over half of the other plants with similar characteristics.

Based on the findings of the initial site visit, staff has already implemented some of the recommendations which have resulted in an estimated benchmark score of 53. The process modifications already implemented provide

electrical savings of approximately 100,000 kWh per month, reducing the average usage to 875,000 kWh and saving about \$10,000 each month (excluding reclaimed water pumping). Even so, there are still additional energy saving opportunities. Best case scenario, the City is able to reduce about 330,000 kWh each month which would save about \$300,000 annually.

Note: There is no cost to the City for participating in this partnership. The City has only committed staff time to this effort.

Ken Scalf stated that the WWTP is the City's largest consumer of electricity and thanked Juan and Wayne for their efforts.

Libby Marley stated that this was great news and asked if Milissa could run a press release.

Teresa Harris asked if other ways of highlighting the project were possible including presenting this information to the Aldermen at some point in time.

The Commission thanked and congratulated Mr. Davis and Mr. Davenport for their efforts.

SOLAR RFQ

Mr. Dan Allen stated that he and **Mr. Orr** had been working on this for about the past six months. This will probably go public within the next couple of weeks. The strategy that the City is taking is that rather than doing an RFP for individual sites in the City, they will do an RFQ for one overall team. He explained that the next round of projects would not be like the previous projects, and he explained how it would be handled. The next generation of projects would target energy usage at each facility. They would likely consider smart grid and smart meter technology and would aggressively target the peak demand charges. He explained how the solar smart grid would work.

Mr. Miller asked about the kind of sites.

Mr. Allen stated that they were looking at the rear parking garage at the police station, the two downtown parking garages, the solid waste facility, the new public works facility, the water treatment facility, the additional area at the wastewater treatment plant, three fire stations, and the downtown post office. Basically, they would try to use any City facility where feasible. He stated that the City would not purchase any equipment. It would be up to the different energy providers to operate and maintain.

Mr. Miller asked if a whole building holistic approach would be taken or if the City would just go with a smart grid and solar panels.

Mr. Allen stated that the strategy was holistic with the peak shaving as most of the individuals with whom he had spoken were interested in solar. He thought geo-thermal was a possibility.

Mr. Miller stated that studies and investigations had been done regarding the waste energy conversion plant. He thought things had changed in technology quite a bit. This was not the polluter that people thought it was. Waste energy had almost a 90 percent reduction in just waste mass. He thought there was a misperception with waste energy conversion.

Mr. Miller discussed an array that was dedicated to specific panels that were put in for specific equipment, and it had a safety feature.

Mr. Allen stated that the City did not have the expertise, and it would not hire the expertise. This was a way to put in renewable energy infrastructure without any capital outlay and tap the best experience that could be found in the market at this time.

Discussion ensued with **Chairman Scalf** stating that **Mr. Miller** and **Mr. Allen** should discuss this further, at a later time.

UPDATING THE ACTION PLAN

Mr. Orr asked if anyone had any questions about the survey

Chairman Scalf stated that Question 7 might say, "Expand the Bluebag Recycling Program to multi-families that are not currently serviced in the program."

Mr. Orr stated that he was correct, that not everyone in the City was serviced by the Bluebag Recycling Program.

Chairman Scalf stated that he would like to see Question 8 say, "The City has a partnership with a solar developer and has done an installation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant."

Ms. Browning agreed that this was a very good point.

Mr. Orr asked at what point the Commission wanted to release the survey.

Chairman Scalf stated that the Commission should be strategic in getting as much response to the survey as they could. He thought it should be published as quickly as possible and run until the first public meeting or beyond.

Ms. Browning stated that it should be advertised on July 5th and run until August 31st.

Chairman Scalf stated it should run until the Commission decides they want to pull it.

Mr. Orr stated that when the citizens are thanked for coming, a link could be put in the email containing the survey.

Mr. Orr referred everyone to the Structure of the Meetings memorandum to note the Sign-In sheet.

Chairman Scalf asked everyone to put the dates, from page 9, on their calendars.

FORMAT OF MEETINGS:

Mr. Ballash will help with Greenways and Open Space on July 12 and suggested Urban Design be covered somehow, perhaps by showing various images of what citizens might deem desirable.

Ms. Marley will help with waste reduction.

Further discussion ensued on Obtaining Feedback, Supplies, Public Involvement, Engaging City Staff, and the Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet.

Mr. Orr stated that by the end of the week of June 18th, he would get an email to all Sustainability Commission members with a link to the finished survey and some information on the meetings for the Sustainability Commission to distribute.

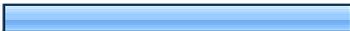
OTHER NEWS/ITEMS

ADJOURN

1. How do you rate the Quality of Life in Franklin?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		65.6%	447
Good		32.6%	222
Fair		1.5%	10
Poor		0.3%	2
answered question			681
skipped question			10

2. In terms of Quality of Life, what are the City's greatest strengths? Select up to 3 choices.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Access to health care		21.2%	146
Civil War history		12.9%	89
Cost of living		11.6%	80
Franklin Farmer's Market and locally produced food		15.7%	108
Goal of becoming a Top Sustainable City		10.6%	73
Historic Downtown Franklin/small town charm		72.5%	499
Quality of Education		52.3%	360
Recreational/Parks/Open Space		24.7%	170
Safety/security		48.1%	331
Variety of Restaurant and Shopping Opportunities		32.1%	221
Other (please specify)		5.1%	35
		answered question	688
		skipped question	3

3. How familiar are you with the City's sustainability efforts?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very familiar		9.5%	65
Somewhat familiar		52.1%	355
Not familiar		38.4%	262
answered question			682
skipped question			9

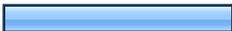
4. How satisfied are you with the City's sustainability efforts?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Satisfied		5.1%	35
Satisfied		28.8%	196
Neutral		29.6%	201
Dissatisfied		6.2%	42
Not familiar with efforts		30.3%	206
If dissatisfied, please indicate why.			41
answered question			680
skipped question			11

5. When you think of sustainability in Franklin, what comes to mind? Select up to 3 choices.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Arbor/Earth Day		4.1%	28
Bluebag recycling		74.0%	502
Energy conservation		20.1%	136
Electric vehicles		12.1%	82
Franklin Sustainability Commission		8.7%	59
The Farmer's Market		30.7%	208
Historic Preservation		41.9%	284
Parks/Recreation/Open Space		35.7%	242
Solar panels		9.3%	63
Nothing specific		10.8%	73
answered question			678
skipped question			13

6. Are you satisfied with the City's Bluebag Recycling program?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very Satisfied		30.9%	210
Satisfied		34.3%	233
Neutral		11.9%	81
Dissatisfied		8.5%	58
I'm eligible, but choose not to participate		7.5%	51
I'm not eligible to participate		6.9%	47
If you are dissatisfied or choose not to participate, please specify			164
answered question			680
skipped question			11

7. How can the City effectively decrease the amount of waste being sent to the landfill, thereby reducing associated costs (tipping fees)? Select all that apply.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Better promote the City's Battery, Oil, Paint, Anti-freeze, Electronics (BOPAE) recycling program		63.2%	415
Consider transitioning to natural gas fueled garbage trucks to reduce operating costs		26.6%	175
Encourage higher participation in the Bluebag program		74.4%	489
Encourage homeowners to compost food scraps		19.5%	128
Implement a rate structure based on how much trash people throw away i.e. "pay as you throw"		35.3%	232
Nothing, increase customer rates proportionately as costs go up.		4.7%	31
	Other (please specify)		110
		answered question	657
		skipped question	34

8. The City recently partnered with a solar developer for the construction of a solar array at the wastewater treatment plant. The City did not outlay any funds for this project. Do you support the City's efforts to make use of underutilized City owned property for renewable energy generation?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		76.4%	521
No		8.5%	58
No Opinion		15.1%	103
answered question			682
skipped question			9

9. The City pays to maintain approximately 7,000 streetlights each year. When cost effective, would you like to see the City transition to using longer lasting energy efficient streetlights?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		84.9%	581
No		6.0%	41
No Opinion		9.1%	62
answered question			684
skipped question			7

10. Downtown Franklin was designed to be a place where people could live within walking distance of places they work, dine, and shop. Would you like to see more residential units within walking distance of Main Street? Select all that apply.

		Response Percent	Response Count
More single family homes		23.7%	162
More condos and townhomes		28.7%	196
Mixed use developments with retail/commercial on ground floor and residential units above		40.7%	278
More workforce housing		11.4%	78
No more residential units are needed		23.1%	158
No Opinion		20.1%	137
answered question			683
skipped question			8

11. Would you like to see more walkable communities throughout Franklin (residential areas within safe, walking distance to shops, restaurants, schools, and parks)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		79.1%	542
No		9.3%	64
No Opinion		11.5%	79
answered question			685
skipped question			6

12. Do you feel safe walking and biking from your residence to places within a 2 mile radius?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, it's very safe		54.8%	374
Somewhat safe		27.8%	190
No, it's somewhat not safe		8.6%	59
It's not safe at all		7.0%	48
No Opinion		1.8%	12
answered question			683
skipped question			8

13. How would you describe the existing greenway and trail system in Franklin?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Paths and trails are well connected to parks, schools, residential areas, and commercial areas		7.1%	48
Paths and trails are mostly connected, but missing a few sections		32.7%	222
Paths and greenways are not well connected to destinations		31.4%	213
No Opinion		28.8%	195
answered question			678
skipped question			13

14. How far is your daily commute to work (one way, not roundtrip)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 2 miles		7.0%	48
2-5 miles		9.9%	68
5-10 miles		13.5%	92
10-15 miles		8.5%	58
15-20 miles		10.5%	72
20-30 miles		13.3%	91
more than 30 miles		1.9%	13
I work from home		13.2%	90
I prefer not to answer		0.4%	3
Not Applicable		21.8%	149
answered question			684
skipped question			7

15. What's your opinion on trees in our community?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Trees are very important and more should be planted		65.3%	438
The amount of trees in Franklin is just right		31.9%	214
They are not that important and we have enough trees		2.8%	19
If you think we need more, where would you like to see more trees planted?			100
answered question			671
skipped question			20

16. Please indicate how important the following initiatives are to you.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Developing a network of greenways and trails throughout the City	41.1% (278)	42.5% (288)	13.4% (91)	3.0% (20)	1.78	677
Ensuring a safe, reliable, and long-term water supply	90.1% (613)	9.1% (62)	0.4% (3)	0.3% (2)	1.11	680
Fully developing the existing City parks	27.7% (185)	57.5% (385)	12.3% (82)	2.5% (17)	1.90	669
Making Harlinsdale Park the permanent home for the Farmer's Market	10.2% (69)	28.5% (193)	39.9% (270)	21.4% (145)	2.73	677
Public outreach to share information and solicit feedback	32.8% (221)	49.7% (335)	10.8% (73)	6.7% (45)	1.91	674
Public-private partnerships and identifying alternative funding sources for projects	37.5% (252)	48.7% (327)	8.0% (54)	5.8% (39)	1.82	672
Pursuing renewable energy when cost effective	56.9% (384)	35.4% (239)	6.8% (46)	0.9% (6)	1.52	675
Offering incentives to the development industry to encourage low impact building design in pedestrian friendly areas	41.3% (277)	42.2% (283)	12.4% (83)	4.2% (28)	1.79	671
Reducing municipal costs	54.0% (361)	38.9% (260)	3.7% (25)	3.3% (22)	1.56	668
answered question						682
skipped question						9

17. In your opinion, what are the most significant challenges facing the City? Pick up to three choices.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Building new greenways and trails		15.3%	104
Offering a mix of housing options		14.3%	97
Improving Air Quality		6.8%	46
Improving the City's water infrastructure		47.9%	325
Maintaining the City's small town charm		59.4%	403
Managing growth and development		65.4%	444
Reducing traffic/congestion		66.9%	454
	Other (please specify)		60
		answered question	679
		skipped question	12

18. How long have you lived in Franklin?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 5 years		26.8%	183
5-10 years		27.9%	190
More than 10 years		42.2%	288
I work in Franklin, but don't live in Franklin		2.6%	18
I don't live or work in Franklin		0.4%	3
		answered question	682
		skipped question	9

19. How would you describe Franklin in one word?

	Response Count
	621
answered question	621
skipped question	70

20. What do you think the City should do next to become a more sustainable community?

	Response Count
	452
answered question	452
skipped question	239

Q2 In terms of quality of life, what are the City's greatest strengths? 35 people selected "other" and wrote in the following responses:

The People:

1. Welcoming warmth and kindness of the people who live here
2. Courtesy of citizens to each other. Bible belt.
3. Friendly people
4. The quality and variety of the inhabitants of the city.
5. Melting pot from other geographical areas.
6. Franklin's greatest strengths are its freedom-loving citizens who stand against unelected bureaucrats who are diminishing their private property rights in the name of "sustainability."
7. People here are awesome!
8. Warmth of the people
9. Friendly people
10. Hospitality
11. Great people
12. ALL of the above, and most importantly it's friendly, happy generous people.

Open Space

13. Farm scenery I'd love the Farmers Market if it weren't so expensive.
14. PARKS ARE SPECTACULAR!
15. clean air
16. Leipers Fork area - beautiful and quaint
17. It is clean, safe, easy to navigate, the hillsides are stunning and the standards for construction are consistent adding to the beauty and charm.

Other:

18. churches
19. Nice neighborhood/residential area environment
20. Good roads and ease of travel across the state. Nice neighborhoods with large lots.
21. Westhaven Development
22. Cleanliness of the community
23. small town, but close enough to a big town
24. proximity to Nashville
25. Safety, New stuff at McEwen, cleanliness, farmers market, not so great schools other than Ravenwood
26. Franklin Theatre & Heritage Foundation
27. Four season climate, cleanliness, friendliness, lack of traffic congestion (after rush hour), diversity of residents,
28. Extending the Downtown/small town charm experience from I65 into town, Columbia south, 96 West and Franklin Rd North. All is very important to offering opportunities for the future. I65 and 96 needs a lot of work. That is the first thing visitors see and some see that as Franklin.
29. Strength of building codes
30. We moved here for the school system and have been very disappointed. We have been in private schools for the last 2 years. Would like to see more parks and open space. The cost of living is pretty high.
31. WCS schools appear to be overrated. We have put 1 child in private school after a mediocre experience in a WCS ES, and will probably end up placing other child in private school eventually, too.

32. Franklin needs more parks as well the new city hall has to be done. Good Job on downtown and keep the retail coming and police fire dept equipment is good so keep purchasing that and the streetscape must be completed especially on Columbia Ave to Mac Hatcher
33. Maintain free public parking so as to encourage enjoyment of town center by residents and visitors.
34. The galleria created a tax base (sales tax) for the city that keeps property taxes relatively low for the services being offered. That's the cash cow. Don't screw it up!!!!

Q4

41 respondents indicated they were dissatisfied with the City's sustainability efforts and answered below.

Recycling:

1. need to be able to recycle glass
2. Need curb side glass recycling
3. Blue Bag program is great but does not incorporate glass
4. Recycling efforts in the city are subpar at best. the ease in which people can recycle is low
5. No glass recycling
6. Seeing minimal done and then when blue bags didn't take right away were threatening to discontinue. I see money spent on downtown (3rd avenue and bridge all the extra signage etc and brick sidewalks all the way to North Margin where they already had sidewalks while on Murfreesboro Rd we are still waiting for sidewalks that were proposed to be done in 2011 8-10 years ago.
7. Would like curbside or easier glass recycling
8. Recently moved here, and am surprised that recycling is voluntary. I do think favorably of the city's effort to compost yard waste.
9. Appreciate the recycling program but SO many businesses replacing green space
10. No public transportation to Nashville, need glass recycling
11. instead of blue bags, having recycle cans like we do for trash would encourage more people to recycle
12. It is very difficult for businesses to recycle now that they took away the Green Bins
13. Recycling bins were better than curbside recycling...and there is nowhere to take glass any longer??

Greenways/Sidewalks/Bike Paths:

14. I find it silly to allow Superior Essex to continue polluting the air but concern ourselves with a bike path? It seems counterproductive.
15. Walking and biking access is NOT good. Many neighborhoods have NO sidewalks, and on arterials like Mack Hatcher, Royal Oaks, Lewisburg Pike, Hwy 96, Cool Spring Blvd you are risking your life on a bike.
16. Underdeveloped infrastructure to allow the general populace to bike, walk, etc. to destinations. For the most part, the current infrastructure is designed for vehicular travel and has not been adequately retrofitted for non-vehicular mobility..
17. Franklin tends to go for flashy projects like the solar power array it recently completed, while ignoring very simple things like access to roads for bicycles. It is impossible to travel by bicycle from almost any subdivision in Franklin to Downtown, the Factory, or the Galleria. Developing a comprehensive bicycle travel program would also help reduce the traffic during downtown events.

Criticisms:

18. The city needs to check out the real reason behind this nation wide move to be "sustainable". It is the precursor to communism! Don't believe me? check out Agena 21, please people do you're homework!!!

19. I disagree with subsidized efforts to achieve so-called "green" objectives. Sustainability to me means economically viable, independent of taxpayer subsidies.
20. Taking gov't \$ & assuming citizens are willing to pay the price for "green" costs frustrates me. Govt funded co. like Solyndra have proven we've got a ways to go w/green. Let's get our budget under control first and be financially sustainable.
21. I think it is a horrible waste of time and money!!!
22. I do not view sustainability as a positive for Franklin
23. Other than curbside recycling, I haven't seen any significant impact on major areas such as transit, biking, grey water, or ordinances to encourage sustainable practices.
24. The City of Franklin should shift its attention toward sustaining the liberties and private property rights of its citizens
25. I disfavor your over reaching governmental efforts. Too much control.
26. sustainability has many definitions. The city is going to far with the green efforts that are unproven and proving to be econimcally incompatable
27. Why add more expense to residents when things were just fine like they were.
28. They are wasteful marketing efforts and city officials spend countless dollars for no return on investment.
29. Wasting money on charging stations is a symptom of overdoing the "sustainability" goal

Schools:

30. While the education is excellent, the extreme redundancy in the schools and constant redistricting from one area to another is extremely difficult for families.
31. The lack of building schools large enough to allow for more than the current enrollment is short-sighted. Why in the world have so much useless space? Why not have three floors for high schools? Elementary schools should be able to handle two floors. That reduces cost and need for redistricting as often. It also reduces the footprint and allows for fewer custodial companies needed. On the up side, I appreciate that there has been a breakthrough in allowing booster clubs to help provide some needed space and equipment .

General Development:

32. Golf cart unfriendly
33. I like the improvements in the new police station and its self-sustaining qualities as well as the sidewalk and beautification but not quite so expensive please. Some of the things could be scaled back and still attractive. I know it is a difficult job and appreciate those working to help improve and keep the life experiences very positive. Bravo for the improvement in recycling.
34. I would love to see the city to finally put in the road from 96th to mach hatcher as promised
35. Trying to be a big city offering to many services that are not cost effective ex.transit service, oversize police force
36. more effort to preserve and develop green space; set standards for new developments
37. development and roads need to be more tempered by environmental impact
38. Sustainability should also be about affordability and all this bogus green and low income housing initiatives have lowered the quality of homes for the middle class just to be able to afford a middle class home in Franklin. Meanwhile the city is allowing even more development yet the water supply is horrible and under usage restrictions or has quality issues just about every year. that is not sustainable
39. Efforts are woefully short sighted. The City should focus on long-term community benefits such as a zoning ordinance that embraces more compact, walkable, mixed-use development (it currently embraces sprawl practices), underground utilities in our core to match the standards of new development, streetscape program continuance as a priority, adopting a Complete Streets Policy -- initiatives that have lasting impact toward building a sustainable COMMUNITY,not just token efforts in specific catagories.
40. Not city's job to make everyone green! Waste of time and money. Fix our roads and infrastructure.
41. Not enough support from City government

42. Just not sure if we are moving fast enough

Q6. Are you satisfied with the City's Bluebag Recycling program? 164 people responded to the write in option to express why they are dissatisfied or choose not to participate in the bluebag program.

Glass:

- They do not accept glass, so if I have to go to the recycling bins to drop off the glass anyway, I might as well take all of my recyclables myself
- Glass is a big part of my recycling and it is not part of the program. However, it is more important that recycling pay for itself. I would rather take all my recycling to the centers that pay monthly for curbside.
- bags are not provided and glass is not included in the program
- Need glass recycling home curb side
- You need glass pickup I still have to drive to the recycling station every week - so it does not make it any more convenient
- I wish there was also a pick up - perhaps once a month for glass recycling.
- Wish they took styrofoam and glass.
- please start collecting glass
- I hope the efforts are increased to include glass and some other plastics, but am very happy with what is going on at this time.
- The city should be collecting glass curbside as well as plastic and paper
- I would like to add glass and styrofoam to the program
- The service itself is very good. However, it would be great if we could recycle glass and tin.
- It would be nice if they took glass but otherwise I think it's great! I love having everything picked up once a week and the blue bags are very convenient.
- Wish you would begin accepting glass
- need to recycle glass..
- Like the program. Would like better if it included glass.
- need to take glass as well. Get rid of bags and get large wheeled container such as trash containers.
- Apparently a choice was made to purchase trucks which cannot process glass: a poor decision. Also, if participation is to be encouraged, either totes or recycling containers should be distributed at minimal cost. The blue bags are not inexpensive for those on limited incomes. Perhaps the city run utility could add some information about the program along with the bill, which, by the way, is pretty outrageous.
- Need a solution for glass containers
- I wish it included glass
- Wish you would accept glass/bottles!
- I would be nice to also include glass items
- It should include more items, especially glass.
- glass should be included!
- I am satisfied with the program as far as it goes. However, glass recycling is needed especially since we lost the bins in Kroger's parking lot.
- I am thrilled to participate. I would like for the city to begin accepting glass as well in the bluebag program.
- 65 Please add glass recycling
- hoping glass bottles will soon be added to program so we don't have to drive to glass recycling bins off 96 at Southwinds.
- Recycling should include all types of materials, and not exclude glass and styrofoam.

- Need to include glass recycling.
- Would like the ability to recycle glass and styrofoam as part of the blue bag program.
- Moved from Collierville in Summer of 2011. Was able to recycle glass with other recyclables. They also provided plastic containers. It would save the general public \$ if you didn't have to buy the blue bags.
- i wish there was a collection for glass piece to the recycling
- In 1980 our city in CA had curbside recycling for glass, as well as all the items we recycle in Bluebag. Using the excuse that it doesn't make money misses the bigger picture. We MUST keep glass out of landfills. We are 30 years behind!
- No glass recycling
- I wish more people would take advantage of it! I would love glass to somehow be picked up too. I realize it would break in the blue bag.
- I would like to be able to recycle glass
- I do it myself since glass is not collected
- Should take glass
- Would like a better option for glass recycling... In Florida they took everything
- recycle GLASS
- Need to allow for recycling of glass products. Also need a way to dispose of fluorescent bulbs.
- would like to see more convenient glass recycling, perhaps pick up in another container
- would hope that glass might be added to the "mix!"
- Need glass recycling too.
- They should recycle glass as well
- Would like to see the program expanded to include glass even if requires separation of glass from other recyclables.
- I wish you would take glass and plastic bags also
- I participate but would like to be able to recycle glass curbside. I would also like a permanent hard container like the trash container for recycling. It seems counterproductive to have to use a big pastic bag to recycle.
- Needs more participation by residents - why aren't 100% participating? When will glass be included?
- I just wish that we could recycle glass
- I use the program, but it would be better if you could add glass products. Right now I have to drive to Brentwood to recycle glass.
- need glass
- Wish they would pick up glass as well.
- Recycling bottles would be great
- Would like to be able to recycle glass too.
- Would love glass to be included
- Glass should be able to go in the recycle bags
- Glass would be helpful, too
- I really want to have Glass as part of the recycling
- But would like for it to include glass and styrofoam.
- They did not want to take our bags because there were glass products in there yet we were never told glass wasn't supposed to be in there.
- I'm very satisfied, but I do wish we could recycle glass (but I also understand why at this point we can't).
- Glass needs to be picked up with recycling - takes the longest to decompose.
- I wish that glass could also be collected at the curb and that everyone in the community participated.
- not able to recycle bottles
- Picking up glass for recycle would be a tremendous improvement

- I do wish we could start recycling glass curbside, though
- I wish we could recycle glass as well
- I would LOVE to recycle glass. We currently have to sort and take to the convenience center at Kroger on Murfreesboro Rd, which is far from convenient.
- PLEASE let us recycle glass!
- It's a start. I'd like to see us have glass picked up as well. And I think there should be some incentive to those of us who are faithfully participating. We are
- I am waiting for the day glass will be included

Plastic Bins:

- I liked the recycling program that was used when I lived in Pittsburgh, PA. (I moved here 2 years ago.) They supplied a bin that was emptied the same day as the garbage. We could put everything in the bin: newspapers, glass, cans.
- Just have not sought it out. I like a curb side system that is very easy like the one I enjoyed in a previous city. Residents were issued bins to sort recycle materials and picked up every week. Easy breezy system and high participation.
- Would like to use a reusable container instead of blue bags
- I resent having to purchase blue bags. If the city provided containers I would be happy to participate.
- I think the bags are an ugly color of blue (should be a "green" color). Tubs would look much nicer. When the bags are put out on the streets, an unknowing passerby would just think we in Franklin just throw our trash out in the streets.
- blue bag is nice, but Nashville's rocks with their 96 gallon recycle containers.
- I would prefer to not have to purchase the blue bags. They can be difficult to find at times. I would like to see a bin similar to the provided trash can that could be set out. This would also ensure that cardboard etc doesn't get blown away when sitting loose.
- Have to clean up the service alley everytime they pick up. It seems that they don't want to do it, so they just strow the trash around. A seprate re-cycle container might benefit.
- I don't quite understand why we cant have "Recycle" garbage cans that are used rater than "Adding Plastic" to the recycle waste stream. I used to fill up 2 large recycle cans in Davidson County before we moved here in April 2012. Now I barely fill up 1 blue bag per week. I do not feel that I am able to recycle as much as conveniently as I did before. I know there are convenience drop off facilities around Franklin, but I don't really find them to be that "convenient".
- Bags or bins should be provided to residents.
- need plastic container not a bag.
- Need a can
- Would like a rolling can option
- Only thing that would make it 100% satisfied is if the pickup would pickup the blue bags on the sidewalk or big bags contained with a blue garbage can marked recycling.
- Our city in CA gave us a separate plastic can which we filled.
- No bags, much easier.
- I do not like the fact that we must purchase plastic bags. I think a bin makes better sense plus when a person moves the bin can be used by the next homeowner.
- I wish we had proper bins. My MIL has a blue bin for recycable paper and glass, a green bin for organic matter (table scraps, etc) and a black bin for trash. The black bin is only picked up once a month. The other bins are picked up every week. She has very little actual "trash".
- I would prefer recycle bins over bags
- Would prefer to have plastic bins instead of having to buy bags. Seems like that's more environmentally friendly. Also, we need to be able to recycle glass!
- I wish Franklin's recycling program did not involve plastic bags at all, and I wish glass were a part of the program.
- But need bigger garbage can size recycling containers. Bags don't fit much

- I do wish plastic bins were given to each family so the blue bags did not need to be bought.
- Trash cans are needed like Scottsdale, AZ
- If the city wants to encourage participation, don't make citizens buy the bags; instead use either the bins or recycling totes. There is a small initial cost although where we have lived before the first bin was free and others were \$10; totes were also going to be offered for \$10 when implemented.
- We could use reusable plastic containers for all items to be recycled and include glass!
- In California they encourage recycling by giving everyone a container for grass and another one for recyclables to set out with the trash. I think many more people would participate if they didn't have to purchase blue bags and bags to put their grass clippings and shrub clippings in.
- Save blue plastic bag and use reusable containers like trash bins.
- Having bags to put recycling in is a waste of bags! It makes no sense to have everyone buy more plastic to recycle their recycling in. It's crazy! I think we need to have containers like the trash cans for each household. If each household is willing to buy bags they can buy one trash can or one bin that is reused to recycle with. Something that is more cost effective for the city and environmentally responsible is in order. Please. Please. Please.
- Too much trouble and cost to purchase bags. What's wrong with having a free reusable recycle bin?
- We like the concept of recycling and we do use the blue bag program every week. However, it is physically difficult to tear up large heavy cardboard cartons. We use to flatten them and take them to the dumpsters that have now been removed. We feel that if the City wants residents to use a curbside recycling program, blue bags [or bins of some kind] should be provided free of charge. This IS done in some communities. The blue bags are quite expensive; people on limited incomes are unlikely to go to a store and buy bags when they can simply throw recyclable material in to the trash - free of charge.
- Having to "buy" blue PLASTIC bags instead of just putting a bin out is not GREEN. And they don't take everything. Was a better program when you sorted yourself and took them to local bins - which also accepted glass. I wish we just had another "bin" for recyclables rather than pay to buy yet another trash bag that has to be recycled.
- Please use recycle bins, not blue bags. I'm willing to purchase it myself or increase my taxes, but please use a reusable bin, not a plastic bag that I need to purchase monthly and recycle the box they come in! Also, glass curbside recycling. Please expand our recycling opportunities curbside. Glass, styrofoam, etc.
- I think you would be better off by providing a second bin. That way you could save on the amount of staffing it takes to manually handle the blue bags.

Convenient Stations:

- I use the recycle bins at Williamson Sq. It is convenient as most of my errands are in that area. I would like to see us have containers, like those used for garbage instead of having to purchase the blue bags...and they would hold much more. I have been in other cities that use containers and it worked well.
- I don't like having to buy a separate blue garbage bag. I also do not think that it makes financial sense for the city to buy a second fleet of trucks to pick up the blue bags. I just take my recycle materials - including glass - over to the local Kroger store
- I am used to curbside pickup where I don't have to pay for bags. I drive and drop my recycling to the Wilson Pike center as they take more items. I won't pay for something that I can do for free.
- We separate our recycling materials into separate bins - newspaper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum and glass. We use blue bags for our plastic and take our other recycling to a convenience center. We recommend the city keep the convenience centers like the one at the Kroger shopping center on Murfreesboro Road / Hwy 96 East.
- I don't have that much so prefer to take it to Williamson Square off Hwy 96 to the recycle bins.
- I drop off recycles at the recycle sites
- We take our recycling to Krogers bins every Saturday.
- I still use the Recycling dumpsters because glass is not accepted for curbside pickup

- Live in the county but just 4 miles from five points and would love to have the option to participate. We take our recycling to the center on Hwy 96 and hope for a program to become available at curbside.
- We do not participate. We recycle too much to make stuffing everything in blue bags efficient. Having a bin (like the garbage bins) would be helpful. Currently, we take our recycling (3 storage tubs full) up to the drop off in Williamson Square (about 2x per month).
- Because city does not accept glass, we choose to recycle at Williamson Square
- Typically take all recyclables to the recycling center at Williamson Square as we recycle a significant portion of our trash
- I have a collection area right behind me, so I see no reason to purchase bags when I can drop off a van load at my convenience.
- We are very satisfied with the concept of the Bluebag but recycle everything we can through the convenience stations. The location of our house makes use of the bluebags less convenient. We recycle more than we "trash." If you recycle at a convenient location that money goes to schools, blue bag program monies go to the fat cat politicians.
- But we recycle almost everything at the county convenience centers. Two people in our household create one kitchen size trash bag every 6 weeks (we compost, too.)

Criticisms:

- Recycling some products such as paper is actually bad for the environment. The bleaching/chemical treatment to reuse paper is worse for the environment than allowing it to decompose. I would like to see the city support recycling materials when it is actually good for the environment only not just a 'catch-all' to feel good about recycling.
- Bluebags should be given to homeowners
- It takes more energy to recycle, again folks you need to do the research
- We must not be eligible to participate since we live in an apartment because we have never heard of this program.
- We have an additional garbage pick up service and they do not recycle.
- More information needed as to what I can put into the bags
- why should i pay you to recycle my stuff when you get paid for recycling it yourself?
- It's a start.
- it does not cost me anything to recycle versus the city to pay for it
- I do not know about this program!
- I think it is expensive for the homeowner. One of the cans like used for garbage might cost us less but perhaps not the city.
- I wish recycling bags were available in drug stores and grocery stores.
- bags are expensive and not as biodegradable as paper
- Program is pretty lame - volunteer only. Recycling efforts need to be required to make a lasting effect
Would it improve efforts if homeowners separated recyclable items. I.e. paper; cans; glass
- Most cities I have lived in, provide curb side recycling programs that are simple and easy to use. They are also relatively inexpensive and promoted very heavily. I do not see Franklin taking the right efforts to become sustainable.
- It is absurd that glass, one of the most readily recyclable materials, is not included in the program. I also object to the amount being charged for the nonrecycled container as we generate less than one "kitchen bag" per week. This should be on a consumption basis to encourage improved behaviors.
- The City of Franklin would be better served protecting the liberties of its citizens instead of wasting taxpayer dollars chasing multi-colored whims and fancies.
- Too cumbersome.
- so few stores carry the blue bags. they are difficult to find!
- It should be mandatory, not voluntary. It's a start, but not enough
- Not available to small office buildings

Other:

- Wish more home owners would participate
- Satisfied but see a need for education - I see a lot of non-recyclable material in neighbors' blue bags.
- People need to participate more, horrified how few blue bags I see on trash day.
- I am not sure where to get the bags
- No reason - just have not participated.
- It doesn't include glass, steel, or aluminum. I don't use the blue bags, but I recycle almost everything (glass, cardboard, paper, steel, aluminum, plastic) at the county convenience center located at Williamson Square. Since I'm going there anyway to recycle glass and other things, I take everything. I also mulch all my yard waste and kitchen scraps in my own mulch pile to add to my garden soil. Pine straw that drops from my pine trees each fall is the mulch for my flower beds.
- I currently live in an apartment and have no opportunity for the blue bag pick up.
- We should have to sort the recycle trash to save money
- Do businesses use the blue bag recycling system?
- I do not know how to participate. Need more information.
- I remain unconvinced of the true value for this seemingly "useful" effort
- I would like to see a public goal set for break even: cost of program = tipping fees saved + money earned from recycled cardboard, etc
- Have a hard enough time remembering to get the trash out and haven't figured out what can go into that blue bag.
- Haven't taken time to delve into what's involved
- Why do we have to recycle "blue bags" The manufacture distribution and use of these bags most likely use more energy than what is saved by their use. Recycle bins I use on #96 and on Wilson Pike are more my speed.
- I like the bluebag program. I am skeptical of the cost offset of the program but I do support it. recycling is a big part of reducing pollution and reusing resources but do not full yourself, it takes just as much resources to process paper, plastic and metal for the most part so all we are doing is cutting down on the amount of effort to harvest materials the first time
- Have not seen any numbers on 1. The cost of the program 2. How much of the "recyclable" material winds up in landfills anyway. 3. Net energy savings over the energy expended collecting, sorting, transportation
- but, I work in the city, and speak to children about recycling, the majority do not participate, because of the need to buy special bag, so more advertising, education, or rewards, could possibly help the program
- not reL AURE BUT DONT THINK THERE IS A GREAt deal of buy-in by the public
- very convenient, thank you
- I would rate very satisfied but I think more needs to be done. Drive Liberty Pike from Franklin Rd to Mallory Lane and look on the side streets day of trash pick up. You will see a noticeable difference in participation as you cross Mack Hatcher in terms of neighborhoods that participate. Lower income neighborhoods and neighborhoods with more minority participate at a much lower level. We need to understand why and help increase the level of participation by all.
- the bags are not collected on the same day that the garbage cans are emptied -- which is the day people put them out. as a result, animals tear into them. i'd rather spend the time/effort to recycle at a recycling drop-off on my own than have my recyclables strewn about. i live in boyd mill estates subdivision.
- 1) saving the city money and 2) making the city money. An incentive reward would go a long way toward motivating more to do it and thanking those who do. I now put out my black can 1 x month. I work hard on my lawn to be sure that my home represents historic downtown Franklin well and that includes a lot of watering. How about a discount on water and wastewater for recyclers?

Q7. How can the City effectively decrease the amount of waste being sent to the landfill, thereby reducing associated costs (tipping fees)? Select all that apply. 110 people selected "other" and wrote in the following responses:

- Issue every resident the recycle bins and create incentive to recycle with lower rate for participants.
- Give a significant decrease in bill for those who chose to take their own recyclables to the bins.
- The hours of the BOPAE are not convenient to working adults. Needs to have at least one night where someone could come after work.
- Slippery slope here throwing out options to continue to take more money from taxpayers who already pay quite a bit. Government is in place to serve the people not to exploit the people by increasing rates when hitting a bump in the road. Work smarter by driving costs down not sloppily passing on cost increases to citizens.
- I am not opposed to a fee for those who away above and beyond normal usage.
- 1 - Incinerate trash to generate power. 2 - analyse what is being sent to our landfill by volume and provide a list to business to see if any of it could be used to produce a viable product. Sounds like a good investment into one of the local colleges.
- add glass recycling at homes
- I wish there was also a pick up - perhaps once a month for glass recycling.
- Change to electronic billing for Water and Sewer so your own bills don't take up trash or recycling space! You have autopsy but why not autobill?
- Are you kidding about the composting food scraps thing?? Who doesn't have a garbage disposal these days, and why would we want to attract nuisance wildlife (racoons particularly) by composting food scraps??? We already have enough trouble with nuisance wildlife.
- I think providing hard plastic containers for recycling should be a priority. Using blue bags seems like an oxymoron in recycling. Spending more money and producing more plastic bags goes against sustainability and being green. Encourage separating recycling materials and promote the convenience centers and the blue bag program.
- Force apartment complexes to recycle!!! Our community does not recycle. Our family does it on our own and brings it to the designated drop off sites. It's horrifying how much recyclable materials are just carelessly thrown away in our complex!!!
- I like the idea of the rate structure "pay as you throw" being an option people could choose, but it might be too difficult to have more than one set of "rules"
- Just make it so dead easy to understand how MANY things can go in the bag.
- The promo video was good - not sure why it didn't have more impact (remind people how much money is going to M'boro!). Also, get them in more stores. I can only find them at Publix. Kmart doesn't have them and I hate Wal-Mart.
- Work with schools on recycling - lunch waste and paper from classrooms.
- Recycle glass at curbside.
- AWARENESS.
- let private service companies collect the waste. have homeowners pick their own waste collection company
- Have to add glass to the recycling program. I realize there's no glass recycling plant in TN. That needs to change.
- The cost of the blue bags for consumers is high issue blue bags to consumers or find another way to recycle and p/u glass
- Increase rates as needed but ONLY as needed. We need to be fiscally responsible and operate within the budgets approved. That being said...we have great trash services and paying for them should be expected.
- Include glass
- do the 96 gallon containers like Nashville does. increase trash pickup rates.
- I think we need more visibility and promotion in both areas I checked above. Also - the shredding service is the best kept secret in Franklin. People don't know about it. BOPAE program needs to

be more clearly stated about when/where/what. And when there are the other hazardous waste drop-off days, those flyers have wording that to me confuses the BOPAE program. Needs to be re-written.

- SUPPLY HOMEOWNERS WITH LARGE BLUE TRASHCAN SIMILAR TO REGULAR TRASHCAN BUT FOR RECYCLABLES. THIS WILL MAKE IT JUST AS EASY TO RECYCLE AS IT IS TO TOSS IN THE BIG CAN. WE LOVED THIS SYSTEM IN SAN ANTONIO. OUR RECYCLE CAN ALWAYS HAD MORE THAN THE REGULAR ONE ONCE WE GOT USED TO IT.
- Put a \$.05 fee on all bottles, cans (beer, wine, soda & refund when items are returned to either a machine or store.
- In Seattle, where we lived previously, compliance with the recycling program was such that homeowners received an annual "rebate" on their trash bill - we had 3 bins for paper/cardboard, plastics and cans/glass. I find it deplorable the concern given to recycling in this area. We compost and recycle and, with a family of 5, typically have no more than 2 kitchen size trash bags per week of waste.
- Educate in schools
- Transition to other container for pickup.
- Since the city is not able to accept glass in the curbside recycling program, point residents to www.growilliamson.com, which will pick up glass curbside for a reasonable fee.
- Give residents a Recycling can, not force them to BUY blue bags for recycling
- Require recycling at events and conduct more recycling programs in schools with children. There are rarely ever containers where I can recycle a water bottle after an outdoor concert. They should be everywhere, visible and present to encourage recycling and make it easier for those of us who recycle everything.
- nothing
- pick up glass when you pick up blue bags
- Include glass in curbside recycling.
- Change the blue bag program to use cans, like those used for garbage. Everyother- week pickup would be sufficient, and could be alternated with every-other week garbage pickup. Use the same automated trucks for both, reducing truck, fuel, and personnel costs. Automated trucks may also reduce worker injury rates and therefore reduce workers comp claims. An additional cost would be the extra recycling-dedicated cans. Encourage home composting by selling simple compost bins at cost, as the city of Nashville does.
- Allow glass as a material for blue bag recycling.
- Natural Gas garbage trucks will not reduce the amount of waste going to the Landfill
- the city of Portland OR limits trash to one large container per address. It really helps, makes people tend to reduce and reuse.
- Provide a free and convenient option of blue bag. Nashville uses an extra can for recycling instead of a blue bag.
- All of the suggestions are good, except the last one. In other areas charging for the weight of the actual trash seems to be working. People seem to be money motivated. Would love to see the above suggestions implemented.
- Add glass to recycling
- Again - Figure out a way to include glass in recycling.
- Include glass as a recyclable product which can be placed in the blue bags. 46 Offer more recycling locations for battery, oil, paint, etc.
- Include educational inserts into trash bills. For example: I have not started a composting scraps both for my garden and environmental reasons 2. Grocery shopping recommendations that would help decreasing wasting foods.
- Make blue bag mandatory
- Pay as you throw programs work well only if coupled with good and solid recycling programs.
- Ban plastic grocery bags
- Recycle glass
- Implement a program to also recycle glass.

- no clue
- Include glass recycling program
- Work with retailers to cut back on excess packaging. Work with USPS to cut down wasted mail.
- Recycle glass
- Allow glass recycling to be part of the blue bag program.
- recycle GLASS
- Don't know enough about these options to choose, but trust the City's decision makers to choose those items that make the most sense, without creating a "Green Police" mentality. In other words, awareness is key - not some imposed participation requirements.
- I think most taxpayers are educated enough to recycle . I think most participate in recycling of some type. Do not spend more money to decrease waste in the landfills . Offer more sites where recycle can be dropped off ie..apartments, office buildings
- Provide glass and plastic recycling in tubs not bags
- I need to know about the blue bag program.
- Increase the recycling program to include all recyclable waste.
- Reward those who use the blue bag program. Offer composting classes (for a fee) to homeowners. Fort Worth, TX has a great program, if you're looking for a model.
- Look at alternative waste and waste to energy technologies
- Provide mechanism for recycling glass
- The primary reason I am completing the survey is to raise the issue of business/church/school recycling. My experience says participation is lagging the "blue bag" project and the potential is significant. If it isn't saving them money, they are not interested (a large church deacon told me that).
- In SanFrancisco, the city takes care of composting.
- Please do not transition to natural gas.
- I do not accept your unsupported environmental premise.
- I'm all about reducing, recycling, and reusing, but I want this to be at MY discretion, not some punitive mandate from a nanny state city government!!!
- Most of my neighbors are now aware that all the "sustainability" language means more gov't control and loss of our property rights. We will NOT stand for it!
- include glass waste in bluebag program 73 Other cities have bottles included Difficult to responsibly dispose of high toxins named above
- Doesn't the city have better things to do?
- Can our yard clippings composting program also compost food scraps? Can we use our yard bags to send compostable food scraps to the city compost?
- not much except possibly an easier (more convenient) way to recycle glass.
- Electric vehicles
- Yes I compost kitchen vegetable waste
- Bigger recycle containers that accept glass as well.
- Get the darn trash cans, in every other city I've lived in that has them the % of recycling went up 100% and more.
- with the BOPAE program, collect it at the house with garbage, just like the bluebag program; otherwise, it will be too much hassle can you collect my compostables? I don't have room to compost here.
- Encourage businesses & non-profits to recycle. More recycling stations for items not accepted in blue bags (glass) - one in Cool Springs!
- Add glass recycling.
- Compost food scraps? Surely you jest. As for the recycling program, see above. In addition, we were told that the trucks purchased would not accept glass. Bad choice. We have a resident who has started a small program to recycle glass for a small fee. Perhaps you could encourage other citizens to do likewise, since it is unlikely the city will purchase new trucks.
- Pay as you throw would work to reduce costs, but probably would upset people and should probably be a last resort option or a gradual phase-in.

- pay as your through is a huge thing for me. it is your right if you want to over indulge but do not over burden our landfills with your excess and make me pay a portion of it. Do not try and stuff all your excess in trash cans which then overflows into our community and not pick it up and pay more for it.
- I think getting commercial participation in the blue bag plan would be huge..There has to be a way to get them to participate, especially the restaurants
- How about create a compost dumping station for our farmers to use, set up at the Harlinsdale Farm. Something that gives back to the community. Use incentive for people to compost. And I have never heard of the BOPAE recycling program so please better promote that.
- Expand the Bluebag progrms to apartments. Encourage the school systems to share the Bluebag program with the students, staff, and parents. This should be done every year or periodically.
- make more incentives to recycle like tax breaks
- consider including blue bags in the cost of trash service (i.e. provide bags to neighborhoods or make them available a local grocery stores). If we are saving money and the environment then the bags should be made available to all (within the current rate structure).
- Accept glass for blue bag recycling!!! It's absurd that glass is not accepted!
- Make it easier for businesses to recycle
- change bluePLASTICbag program to reusable bin, and start glass program
- It seems wasteful to have 3 (or 4) trucks each week. Could any be consolidated?
- I also wonder about the usefulness of the paper bags for yard waste.
- while I feel the efforts to make Franklin green are in line with my values, as decisions are made for the whole community, I would encourage our leaders to compassionately remember our many neighbors with more limited incomes who might need and appreciate practical approaches to our city's resource issues
- Offer quarterly curbside pickup for Battery, Oil, Paint, Anti-freeze, Electronics. It's easier throw it in the trash if BOPAE is not open on Saturday and you can't get there during the week.
- work towards a bi-weekly refuse pick up system, similar to what the City of Portland has just initiated.
- Expabd Bluebag to include the waste not eligible
- Add glass to curbside recycling program.
- Get more restaurants and business to recycle.
- I work at a business downtown and we do not have any recycling AND the trash pick up comes everyday BUT only picks up one business per day. Our day is Thursday, we clean the refrigerator on Friday before the weekend and the cleaning crew comes on Saturday. Trash pick up is all mixed up.
- Offer an additional bin. I people are more inclined to recycle if you make it easier.
- I understand why the blue bag is necessary but it's costly to purchase blue bags and may be a barrier to adoption. I'd seek alternative solutions to encourage broader participation in the program.
- As long as the Bluebag is replaced with a Bluebin, please.
- STOP building more apartments.
- better hours/weekend hours for the battery/paint etc recycling. actually pick up blue bags on trash day.
- No more taxes for green living.
- see my previous comments

Q15. What's your opinion on trees in our community? 100 respondents wrote-in where they would like to see more trees planted

- The beauty that brought people to Franklin years ago is slowly disappearing by the developers that have taken the beautiful land and trees to build homes and shopping areas.
- Stay away from Bradford Pears
- It seems trees are the first to go, without looking at alternatives. I think if trees are taken down for construction, new ones should be planted - example along the road running parallel to the new I-65 wall. It used to be a beautiful archway of trees, now an ugly wall.
- In green space around buildings. The landscaping around buildings and shops is not well maintained or sufficient to beautify Franklin.
- As they come down should definitely be replaced
- Along 96 East once you add the sidewalks. We need to be able to safely walk to downtown. It would help reduce the downtown parking problem.
- anywhere possible.
- Question 10 - 15 are most important to me. Machatcher has tremendous potential for a great tree-lined and treelined bike and walking path at a considerable distance from the road and interconnected to other paths with tunnels under Machatcher. The only good path in Franklin is the Chestnut Bend path by the Harpeth. Pinkerton and Winstead are nice but they only go in circles. The path on Corothers needs trees and needs to be connected to the west side of town. Bike Paths on the road are ok but are not safe for children. I would rather a mix use path like Corothers Road, with trees, rather than sidewalks right on the street and a bike lane in the street.
- don't let new subdivisions take out EVERY tree! Just the ones that are necessary to build the home. Offer a 50/50 program for new and replacement parkway trees.
- soccer fields off 96
- In my opinion, there needs to be a tree service who can trim the trees Franklin currently has to look nicer, instead of trimming a part that hangs over the streets.
- Parking lots, especially by Dollar General on 96.
- Strategic places- not just planting trees for the sake of planting trees.
- More in planned developments.
- Would love to see more trees and landscaping along Hwy 96/Murfreesboro Road. Especially near the Royal Oaks intersection.
- How about we stop cutting them down in commercial areas that never develop.
- In and around any new residential and commercial development, plans should be required to include so many trees planted in green space.
- Around buildings and eyesores like restaurants and department stores. Anywhere where there are eyesores.
- We need to plant trees around areas being developed, for instance near roads that are eating into the hillsides and fields, we need trees and their roots to help lessen the wearing down and erosion that happens after the paving and building are finished. We definitely need to replace trees as they become damaged and destroyed in heavy storms or accidents.
- Maybe don't plant, but stop cutting them down for more development that we do NOT need in Cool Springs. There are so many empty buildings I cannot believe the new construction. This is the thing that will ultimately drive us and others to another city. All those empty buildings look terrible and are dangerous.
- Along Oak Meadow by I65 for beautification and sound barrier.
- Stop clear cutting trees in new developments. Plant more trees in park areas.
- Develop mini parks in neighborhoods.
- Not to overcrowd where they are sufficient, but I'm sure there are areas that can take more trees without giving up the open space if it being well utilized already.
- We're not doing a good job replacing diseased and dying trees. You see large old trees being cut and they aren't being replaced. There needs to be a program to educate the public on how trees lower ambient air temperature, reduce water runoff and improve property values.

- Behind the new wall behind I-65 S and N by Oak Meadow Neighborhood. We should replace what was taken out.
- I will defer to those with more knowledge on the matter but trees are always welcome.
- Along Mack Hatcher in the middle
- New subdivisions and used as buffers on busy roadways.
- Neighborhoods and basically anyplace that will grow one 30 anywhere. along streets that don't have them.
- The existing requirements the City imposes on new construction and parking lots seems sufficient...plenty of trees get planted in large parking lots and around offices and retail areas.
- every where. Along every major streets
- While I checked more trees, I would not want to increase taxes or forego other worthy projects to do this.
- Trees provide shade that cuts down on heat so wherever that would apply; those big swatches of lawn are HOT. And, trees help to absorb pollution so put them along roads, just stay away from the electric lines; they just get trimmed badly.
- Along streets and in medians
- Everywhere.
- New construction should be made to replace the exact number of trees plodded under for the construction. The bird population is having difficulties finding roosting spots!
- Once an area is cleared for construction and a structure is complete, trees and landscaping should follow.
- the area around HWY 96
- Incorporated into shopping center parking lots and road frontage. Highway 96 from I-65 is older but could present a nice gateway for people entering the city from I-65.
- Along all roadways, even if they have to be very far apart due to cost. Also, even if it is many years before the positive impact is apparent. We should start along all major roadways.
- Cool Springs area
- Everywhere. Home owners should be made aware of reasonably-priced fastgrowing varieties of trees. The city should set a goal of planting at least 6 trees per year on every city-owned property to set an example. Plant smaller trees along property lines and in clusters, not scattered all over, in the way of human activities.
- Around schools
- Westhaven community, along 96
- trees could be planted to buffer traffic sounds and bordering parks. If the city has land that trees could be planted on then do so. In all new developments there should be tree design plan as part of the development including businesses.
- Shopping center parking lots, along the sides of major streets.
- Only in places with adequate brown water irrigation. Nothing is worse then seeing trees planted and then not cared for.
- Tree planting should be a requirement in all new developmet housing. I.e. X # trees/ house depending on sq footage.
- Parking lots should have green space with trees!
- Along the main roadways, I96/Mack Hatcher. These are long corridors with no trees. Planting in center median would reduce pollution and temperature
- Burying utilities should be expanded - butchered trees along the streets are an eyesore.
- Just beware of MTEMC and their pruning policies
- Wherever space without detracting from intent of said space.
- library
- 2-4 years ago totally over planted along hwy 96 by skate park near freedom intermediate & in pinkerton park, didn't appear to be a plan in mind, when full grown it's a cluster forrest.
- Whenever new homes go up and trees come down, new trees should be planted as close as possible.
- Trees?! You've got to be kidding me? Is our city being run by a bunch of tree huggers now?
- Like to see trees include in all streetscapes.

- large parks
- The ones around lines need to be cut back.
- In the parking areas at Independence Square, Alexander Plaza, and other shopping areas, They are large concrete islands that hold the heat.
- Plant anywhere possible. More importantly, preserve mature trees. Planting a couple of fast-growing softwood trees does NOT make up for removing decades old or more hardwoods
- I love to see trees in parking lots whenever possible, and as close to sidewalks and common areas as they can be. It seems to me that when trees shade paved areas it makes a place feel much more comfortable and fun to be in!
- In residential neighborhoods that have none. Builders should not be permitted to take down more trees than necessary.
- Use volunteer labor and donated trees.
- 1.parks 2.along major roads (Hillsboro Rd., etc.) 3.all schools 3.parking lots at all large retail businesses
- In medians on many of the streets in Franklin; street trees in subdivisions; in commercial areas.
- If citizens want to plant trees - let them plant trees! We don't need to take part in some government funded program for more trees.
- You are creating an interesting conundrum: You argue for more trees while your policy against CO2 deprives these trees of the very resource necessary for their survival.
- As a tax payer, I do not intend for my tax money to be used for these endeavors.
- This is not the business of city government. I don't want to sound mean but these efforts are more meddling of big government.
- along major thoroughfares
- Parks (e.g. Pinkerton) need more trees.
- along major streets that don't already have them; in parking lots so that the cars don't get so hot
- Potted Trees could be added to downtown/square area in front of shops where the actual planting of trees is not possible; any future development should have a requirement of the minimum amount of trees and landscaping that is REQUIRED so that new construction blends in with existing green efforts.
- Downtown historic area
- Anywhere there is open space available. Maybe fruit trees/orchard and community gardens on the Rec Center property.
- Street trees
- Dog parks and ball parks, and anywhere else they will fit.
- Due to draught and storms we have many trees in our neighborhood that are dead and not being replaced. We need all the trees we can get
- Quit building apartments! Quit building anything! Use what we've got!
- trees provide outstanding natural beauty and natural shade. The problem is, we do not have a proper water source to keep them alive and the water we do have cost way to much to water appropriately
- HARLINSDALE...Also many trees have been cut over the last few years since the flood, especially on Fair and W. Main..Part of that I blame on the electric company's poor efforts to properly trim trees, many old magnolias and oaks are missing, especially on Fair St.
- In my yard, just kidding. Near and around shopping areas and the neighborhoods who cleared trees to build.
- Trees are a renewable resource and there should be a plan for maintaining our local flora.
- I would like to see more vegetation around the river to decrease erosion and to absorb rainwater which will decrease flooding
- Any where there is space. 88 It may not be feasible because of the need for parking spaces, but large parking lots having medians with green areas for trees and plants
- Every new neighborhood should have trees not just grass and shrubs. New/old medians too.
- They need to be trimmed more regularly to allow you to see stop signs and around corners at stop signs to prevent accidents.

- trees are important. Also many places are walkable, even over 2 miles, instead of more destruction of greenspace with new residential units I would really like to see many more sidewalks to take advantage of the many wonderful parks and businesses that we already have
- Trees have a finite life span. Many trees downtown are damaged due to MTEMC trimming and need to be removed and replaced. The Streetscape program will do this by placing utility wires underground which will prevent future damage by private utility companies. Trees are vital to our downtown core!
- More trees along Mack Hatcher.
- Wherever they are planted, they should be part of an overall Master plan and not just planted randomly to ensure long-term viability, survival and benefit.
- I love trees and shrubs but some could use trimming on Carothers Parkways between McEwen and Coolsprings. They are too large and can be unsafe for genders walking the sidewalks
- Along Columbia avenue and any other major pedestrian corridors
- Trees should be considered a capital asset and inventoried through a software program like Itree. This will allow you to properly document the tree inventory and provide data needed in the event of a catastrophic disaster.
- They need to be maintained. Where I live they are chopped to the ground if they are within a few feet of an electric or phone line. In the city when walking you have to walk off the sidewalk or bend to go under the limbs.
- Parking areas in office and retail centers.
- Next to the power lines, so as to hide them from site until THE CITY can take over the electric company and get the power lines buried, like any first-class municipality !!

Q17. In your opinion, what are the most significant challenges facing the City? Pick up to three choices. 60 respondents selected "other" and wrote in the following:

Road Projects:

- Traffic/congestion no doubt is the no.1 issue in my opinion
- COMPLETION of Mack Hatcher loop to reduce Historic Main Street traffic congestion
- I LOVE THE ROUND ABOUT. WE NEED MORE ..EVERYWHERE!
- Build the Mack Hatcher extension and stop buying historical property. So much gas is wasting sitting in traffic that could be eliminated by the extention!!!!!!
- Need Mack Hatcher to Westhaven bypass!!!
- Finishing Mack hatcher to take the congestion off Hillsboro Rd,hwy 96 and franklin rd
- Both Hillsboro and Columbia roads need to be widen ASAP!!
- Extend Mack Hatcher!!!!
- Finish Mack Hatcher to New Highway 96
- Hillsboro Road congestion is pathetic! We are country folks and our roads are better, and traffic issues better addressed than in Franklin!! Join the Franklin High School traffic or the Westhaven residents headed home from 4:30 on!!!
- Traffic and Congestion in the city is the WORST!!!!
- TRAFFIC-Improve roads
- Mack hatcher extension
- Complete Mack Hatcher bypass to Westhaven
- Traffic/congestion is a huge problem throughout the city
- We are a conflicted community. We desire a western Mack Hatcher Pwy (at \$80 or \$90 mil) and we are allocating \$s south toward Goose Creek. Both of these are an outward expansion at the cost of maintaining the quality of our current residents and neighborhoods. We have a tremendous lack of sidewalks and greenways in the city. We have existing neighborhoods that are suffering (just drive down West Main Street and/or any neighborhood off of it and you will

see). We need to focus on what we have (treat Franklin like an island - you can't expand an island. How will we serve these new areas in a sustainable way? Trash truck will have to drive further, police and fire will have to use more gas to cover the areas and our build footprint will continue to expand.

Greenways/Trails/Sidewalks:

- Building sidewalks on 96 east
- sidewalks needed between Pinkerton Park and Mack Hatcher!
- Better sideways to allow access to downtown
- Add sidewalks to encourage walking. To attempt to walk west main beyond 11th ave is to take your life in your hands.
- Trails must connect and lead places people want to go, not just around in a circle. Most people won't use them if it just for exercise. People want to go somewhere, and ST RD 96, I65, and other major roads are like rivers without bridges. One must put their life on the line to cross the concrete river. Secondly, developing affordable housing for the waiters and clerks that work in our restaurants and shops. We should not be community that only cares about its wealthy.
- Need more sidewalks!-doesn't have to cost as much
- Adding sidewalks on all busy streets near downtown Franklin, particularly from downtown to The Factory, but also from 11th Ave and West Main down to Downs Blvd.
- making franklin more pedestrian friendly and creating safe back paths

General Development:

- building infrastructure prior to any more development
- upscale, safe senior living homes. Single level Brownstones w/o the Brownstones' pricetag
- In my opinion, Franklin has allowed to many developers to come in and build houses, that many can not afford.
- Pro-active growth:
- Limit amount of office parks and buildings until existing are full. Example Sharon Spings on Royal Oaks. Tore down tons of trees for one building.
- Franklin has done a poor job of planning and allowing all the building of residential communities and the traffic is terrible! Too many people for the amount of space which makes getting around town very difficult and cumbersome. We live 1 mile from the square and it takes 15 or more minutes to get to the other side of town due to Long lines of traffic. Also with in that mile there are no sidewalks to access our home to downtown or Pinkerton Park which is a .5 miles from our home. Franklin seems way behind when it comes to sustainability issues compared to other areas of the country.
- Lets not become like Hendersonville and Murfreesboro...TRAFFIC!!!! Do not over develop based on the want for money... rather manage and guard our best attributes. Smaller is sometimes better.
- we need mack hatcher finished... i feel like the traffic situation in franklin is silly. there are parts of historic downtown that still need work... like where bridge street curves into 1st... we need a boutique hotel and more unique restaurants that will draw more tourism here. For paths i really think that there need to be more walkways to school for example pearre creek, from westhaven you can walk there but should be path from willowsprings and franklin green.
- reining in the out of control Codes dept
- over regulation by our city and county government.
- down development of the hills, especially the area at Mack Hatcher and Cool Springs Intersection. I do not want to see that developed.
- Diverse population decreasing property value and decreasing the franklin special school district.
- More Senior Low Cost Housing
- Increase available parking in the downtown area
- for the love of God slow down the building. we are always 10 year + behind on roads and infrastructure

- need for a small hotel at City Hall location

Finances:

- Reduce our taxes
- Keeping the taxes low.
- managing the city in a cost effective manor
- cost of water
- Getting our debt under control and not taking govt funding & thinking that makes these green initiatives "free"
- water/sewer prices seem way too high to me, compared to electric and gas
- Controlling costs
- New taxes targeting specific citizens / Hidden government growth and unnecessary consulting expenses / Bureaucratic management of elected officials and the media

Miscellaneous:

- City Leadership not getting involved in wasted initiatives
- More progressive leadership
- Reducing Noise-too many loud motorcycles, trucks, etc.
- Improving bus service to Nashville.
- harlinsdale farm is an amazing property for more events over the years....however concern for the heat if the farmers market moved because of the new ownership at the factory or other reasons, check with the Tuesday vendors, in my experience the veggies wilt extremely fast, should get the farmers input on this. The market draws people from all over to Franklin on Saturday mornings, it's a huge feature for the Town, HUGE!
- The most significant challenge facing Franklin, Tennessee, is the City's transfer of authority from the citizens to unelected bureaucrats who seek through these diabolical "sustainability" programs to limit our freedom and private property rights.
- Respecting the property rights of individuals!!! And developers!!
- Investigating the consolidation of FSSD and WCS.
- City and County Bureaucracy!
- education programs for children and residents to encourage more recycling, trolley use, and green choices. Paths & sidewalks to encourage alt transit. I already live with a walkable distance to a new grocery and take-away food ...but no way to safely walk.
- Finishing plans that have been started in a quality manner.
- Becoming more sustainable.