

**RESIDENTS SURVEY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (110 responses)**

Respondent No.	District	Additional comments:
56	Columbia	Real estate and personal property taxes continue to increase where does this money go? Doesn't appear to make Fluvanna great? You are running the people that grew up in this county out because they no longer can afford to live here?
98	Columbia	I'm in favor of keeping the rural atmosphere of the county, with its open spaces and planned recreational areas. I'm also in favor of development that considers not only economic improvements for the county, but also long-term environmental, ecological and social impacts of proposed developments.
125	Columbia	Fluvanna is a relatively nice, convenient place to live, but it has little tax base other than its residents...to shop, people have to go to Charlottesville, Richmond, or Zion Crossroads (Louisa)...as a result, Fluvanna has one of the highest - if not THE highest - real estate tax rate in Central Virginia....I do appreciate that some forward-thinking county supervisors planned for Pleasant Grove and the Rivanna Trail...I am also dismayed that there are many county residents who cannot or will not see the benefits of "community" and promoting the general welfare of the county, and I include in that Don Weaver and school board crank Andrew Pullen.
168	Columbia	We have only lived here since July. So far we love it. Looking forward to an entire year and the change of seasons.
174	Columbia	Honestly, what is "Other" under preferred sex; doesn't it have to be one or the other
195	Columbia	I have lived in Fluvanna County for many years and the rate that taxes are rising is absurd. These are becoming unaffordable for folks like myself who are middle class and working families.
209	Columbia	Let more zoning for different businesses
226	Columbia	Thank you for the survey
267	Columbia	Our neighbor Louisa is thriving, with lower residential taxes. They put a priority on schools, business, law enforcement and community engagement (events, recreational facilities). Our local leaders should learn from that. Moving back to my hometown of Fluvanna, after a brief stay Louisa was very disappointing. Louisa truly makes decisions that are in the best interest of the community and represents the views of the constituents. I can not say the same about Fluvanna. As a resident, if you do not live in the lake Monticello area, then you do not have a voice.

343	Columbia	We will be facing some financial challenges in the coming years with outstanding bonds to be paid (schools and Louisa's watering hole from the river that will likely end up in litigation) and little business development in the works. Columbia has potential with the coming reservoir, but the town is largely dismissed by the Board and citizens outside of the area as a punchline. We need a new Board of Supervisors of resilient, fair, open-minded folks to inject some energy into this county to represent all citizens of all income levels. It's a great county, and I love living here, yet our leadership is lacking.
385	Columbia	The county needs to be more welcoming to businesses. The entire county doesn't need to be rural/ residential. The water pipeline seems very underhanded and expensive. Businesses have been turned away from here.
505	Columbia	Question for Parks and Rec: Could I use the kiln at Fork Union Center to fire a load of small clay sculptures made by a Columbia group? If there is a firing fee, we will cover it. I have tried for months to get a yes or no answer. Thanks.
165	Cunningham	N/A
181	Cunningham	My husband and I run a small construction company and I also work for a local small business part time and at both businesses it's very hard to find good reliable workers!
186	Cunningham	It is a shame that this county spent such a ridiculous amount on the high school. Very unnecessary!! The taxes here are just ridiculous! There are too many people here & nowhere within 30 miles for a good paying job with good benefits! Anything approved by this county goes straight over to Lake Monticello!!! Ridiculous!! Fluvanna needs to limit the people coming into this county by imposing minimum of 10-15 acres to build & let some industry come on the Fluvanna side at Zions Crossroads!!! An Amazon or FedEx warehouse, a small community hospital, a car dealership, a John Deere tractor dealership, how about a Chick fil A would all do great! Something for goodness sake! Louisa's got it all up there at Zions!!! I also would love to see Fluvanna open a Technical Center for the Trades. A large majority of students need/want college to have a good job-offer a trade school for them!! Most students do not have transportation to get to CATEC & one here in the county would benefit them! And while we're at it- why the heck were trades every taken out of the high school?! That was a truly stupid move!! I also want to see a YMCA opened in Fluvanna. I don't think we need one as extravagant as Charlottesville has, but Goochland has a nice one.
200	Cunningham	The Cunningham District needs a fire station.
203	Cunningham	Please increase funding for the schools. If we do not focus on our children, we will have no future.

236	Cunningham	Would like to see some focus on cleaning up the 'first impression' appearance of the Rt. 15 corridor through Palmyra. It looks almost as bad as Columbia! Is that Zoning's job? Don't know who, but it needs work.
237	Cunningham	Lake Monticello needs to put less emphasis on minor and silly "infractions" like mailbox's and trash and more on civility, decent dining options that are sustainable
255	Cunningham	Thanks
336	Cunningham	OPEN THE SCHOOLS FOR IN PERSON LEARNING
364	Cunningham	I support our public schools. However, I believe the county over-reached with what it has done with the high school, and the county will heavily tax the residents, many of whom are retirees on fixed incomes, to support the school system without tax revenues from other sources, such as bigger businesses and more of them. This is not an acceptable long-term situation, but I do not see effective actions being taken to remedy this long-term problem. Business development efforts have been a big joke. Too many areas of the county are mobile phone dead zones; this is not safe! Some residents live in homes without running water or electricity. This is a shame! Yet, all I hear is that the school board wants more and more money, then when they get it, they have to return some of it back to the county. Looks like more could be done to help needy residents and stop giving so much of it to the schools. More money spent per capita in schools does not necessarily result in better school state ratings.
379	Cunningham	No comments.
395	Cunningham	I think our Sheriff's Office is one of the best I've seen. I do think they needed newer and better equipment.
412	Cunningham	Term limits on Supervisors to insure more points of view.
534	Cunningham	JABA needs to provide service in the Lake Monticello area
32	Fork Union	Fluvanna is a great place to live and has potential to be better!
33	Fork Union	When we moved here, it was our 1st ever property & we had no idea how important zoning was. Over the years we worked to try & do something about it but gave up as generally decisions had already been made prior to meetings. Had we known we would have settled in an agriculture friendly county like Madison, which is and probably always will be beautiful countryside.
74	Fork Union	- I would like easier communication with the county. For example: social media or email notifications that there is a water line being repaired and that's why people in FUSD have no water. I've had a hard time getting someone to answer the phone when I call to check. - I would like online payment options. - I would like Animal Control to be treated seriously.
92	Fork Union	We have for too long been ruled locally by a small group of insiders who believe they know best what is good for Fluvanna

119	Fork Union	Fluvanna is OK and it's been just OK for as long as I've been here, since 82. Unless it gets a younger attitude, it will never be more than what it is now, a provider of cheaper housing for Charlottesville and Richmond commuters.
124	Fork Union	Fork Union used to be the hub of the county, now it's nothing.
150	Fork Union	I love working and living in Fluvanna- but do feel that leaders sway decisions for those who get angry - think about the welfare of the residents of Fluvanna and not the emotional appeals that people make.
207	Fork Union	Thank you for your time.
229	Fork Union	I have been impressed for years by the members of the BOS and their genuine desire to serve our community
233	Fork Union	Fluvanna is more progressive than many in the Commonwealth, but can and should do more.
274	Fork Union	I do not like some of the communications sent out by the county. They are written in such a way that they assume everyone reading them is like-minded, when in fact our community is quite diverse in thought (something I do appreciate about where I live). Some fact-based notices are appreciated (such as the Governor changing mandates). Opinion based comments -- like implementing "the platinum rule" -- are patronizing and feel like a lecture from an elementary school teacher to his/her students. I signed up for County email notices and news, not Kelly's e-blog.
287	Fork Union	I miss the days when I could walk down N Boston Rd without seeing but a couple cars. Now getting mail (my moms house) out of the mailbox is gambling with your life because of traffic. But, I don't have to go to Ch'ville for everything. I thought years ago Pleasant grove was an awesome purchase. After coming home we are pleased to see the development there and think it is fantastic. Outdoor opportunities are top interest and priority to us. Wish there were more. Would LOVE to see one or two well managed RV camping parks open. Also, having been gone for almost 20 years and back here the last 2, and coming up for a few days every year to visit my mom, I have noticed something very disturbing to me, that I care about and pay attention to. The amount of insects/bumble bees/native pollinators has just plummeted. It is scary. There used to be so many, I always looked forward to seeing the variety on my mom's flowers. About 5 years ago now, I came to visit and they were gone. There were plenty of carpenter bees. But not our native bumble bees. It was pitiful. It is pitiful and quite concerning. My windshield lacks of bug guts. Great to be able to see, not so great indicator for the biological health of our area.

404	Fork Union	The volunteers are the heart of this county and they are ignored. Put someone in charge who works with them not against them. The current emergency management coordinator is very bad news for this county now and the future.
418	Fork Union	When I chose the "moving in the right direction" answer I want to add "but far too slowly."
422	Fork Union	We love Fluvanna, the land and its people. The Fluvanna Leadership Development Program is the best thing in the county for bringing diverse people together.
455	Fork Union	Our governing board of supervisors need to be more aggressive. We need to learn what other areas, even out of state, are doing. I wish we can visit those areas to learn. Perhaps board members should have some training to increase their knowledge. Our economic department needs more than 1 person working. We need to commit to hiring more black and brown people in government. We use to have a county nurse. We have studies that tell us our health needs and we do nothing to improve the health of our community. If we will keep our focus on a new administration building and not build what we need for this 21 Century, we will have failed the future. Our county does not have a public swimming pool, shame. The southern part of the county is dying quickly. Our rural neighborhoods needs open space and recreational facilities, if not, provide transportation for our children to join others in sports. Education should be one of our highest priority. I hate to hear our superintendent almost beg us to understand the schools' needs and when we have to balance the budget we cut the school funds. We should trust them by now that if money is not spent it is returned to fund balance. The schools tell us all that is right with student progress, but don't tell us about the AA and poor white students who are behind in SOL scores. Perhaps when they realize that equity, disparities, and bias are holding students back, these scores will improve.
461	Fork Union	I would love to be involved in the revision of the comprehensive plan. I have some experience developing affordable housing in Charlottesville, Albemarle, Southwest Virginia and other parts of the state. I work as executive director of Habitat for Humanity Virginia, a state support organization for the 41 Habitat affiliates in Virginia. I serve on the board of Housing Forward Virginia. I have served on the board of the Virginia Housing Alliance and currently serve on their legislative advocacy committee. I grew up in Fluvanna and am a member of the Fluvanna County High School Class of 1976. Our family owns a farm and woodland in the county and I have volunteered for the master naturalist group, helping establish native species at Pleasant Grove. I also have been involved in the Fluvanna County Historical Society and have made presentations to the Fluvanna Leadership Class for many years.

517	Fork Union	Need to keep land use taxation in place
512	Not a County Resident	None
100	Not Sure	Love Fluvanna and appreciate that it's not growing out of control
101	Not Sure	How is it that I pay Fluvanna County taxes and have to vote in Louisa County? Taxation without representation!
254	Not Sure	Overall Fluvanna county is a nice place to live.
281	Not Sure	A nice place to retire but would like to see more local businesses. To do any serious shopping or dining its a trip to Charlottesville.
6	Palmyra	God bless Fluvanna
11	Palmyra	Significant lack of attention to admitting existence of poverty in the area; no internet for poorer areas; no obvious effort to stamp out poverty but food banks; need a local hospital; need more and better roads for new housing; new housing out of control without adequate and equal infrastructure
39	Palmyra	Expensive area to live for seniors on fixed income considering local taxes
70	Palmyra	None
81	Palmyra	I would love to see every house with acres have persimmon trees, apple trees, grapevines, or other fruits growing.
106	Palmyra	All virtual school was a decision that seemed hastily made. A lot of great community, cultural, volunteer, and extracurricular options and some wonderful people running them. Investigate why Fluvanna has such a high retail turnover rate.
152	Palmyra	Thanks for doing this survey. It shows the County really does care.

158	Palmyra	<p>This county has a chamber of commerce however they focus on businesses to business and not businesses to customer. This needs to change or there needs to be another group that works with business to give them resources to grow.</p> <p>When your county is known for having good schools with well paid teachers people will move to your county when you have businesses thriving people will move to your county. When you have shuttered businesses and low paid teachers people will not move to your county.</p> <p>When textbooks are 15+ years old and teachers are having to buy their own supplies there is a problem.</p> <p>When a county doesn't even require businesses to register so that data can be compiled on the growth rate of said businesses there is a problem.</p> <p>When kids can't get access to the internet in areas of the county due to lack of cell towers because zoning won't allow it, there is a problem.</p> <p>We can't change as a county until people understand that this county is now longer a farming community. Farms are very important to our county and our country but to hinder growth due to an old way of thinking is not productive.</p>
162	Palmyra	Personal property tax rates really do need to be lowered. We have the highest rates in Central Va. and have nothing to show for it.
178	Palmyra	Thanks for asking the community for input!
180	Palmyra	We need a better downtown main street area. There is potential there, but it needs improvement. We need more local shops, more business going on in that area. Make it more of a small town main street area. This will attract travelers.
230	Palmyra	IT HAS BEEN SAID
277	Palmyra	Please take the bicycle and rider off the water tower - who in their right mind would encourage bike riding on Fluvanna roads.
286	Palmyra	Police cars: I see so many Fluvanna County police cars in officers' driveways. It seems like a waste of resources to have police cars parked in yards when officers are not on duty. If these cars were not parked at home, the county would not have to purchase as many police cars for other officers that are on duty.
294	Palmyra	We are thrilled to have found Fluvanna and are enjoying our time here
306	Palmyra	Fluvanna needs to recognize why people live here NOW. Optimize that!

314	Palmyra	I think I covered most already.
315	Palmyra	Thank you to all that work for our community. Our Registrars office, polls volunteers, board members and all of our first responders deserve a huge thank you! We are a growing and quickly changing community. We are all here to try to help each other. Thank you for survey.
324	Palmyra	Hang in there with the pandemic. You are doing a tough job under the current situation!
327	Palmyra	Too many required questions on the survey, you're going to have a lot of people not finishing survey
332	Palmyra	Some of the survey responses would not let me select good, so I selected excellent.
333	Palmyra	Thank you for creating the chance for feedback!
335	Palmyra	So far we have been very happy living here
347	Palmyra	We are thrilled to have found Fluvanna and are enjoying our time here
354	Palmyra	Zions Crossroads appears to be way behind the curve and should be built up to attract business and development.
365	Palmyra	N/A
386	Palmyra	We retired here over a year ago with high expectations. So far, very disappointed.
394	Palmyra	Fluvanna has a wealth of natural beauty but insufficient shopping, dining etc.
408	Palmyra	The Sheriff's Office Reserves bring a great deal of experience and expertise for an incredible value (\$0 cost to the county). At a minimum, the county should cover the cost of uniforms and equipment for the reserve officers.
425	Palmyra	none
426	Palmyra	I am very pleased with how the county made an effort to spread awareness about coronavirus. I appreciate that yard signs were given away and masks were made available. Some other counties in VA made little effort. This set an appropriate tone that everyone would work together to get through the pandemic.
432	Palmyra	Let in new businesses create jobs
445	Palmyra	20 years behind times.
447	Palmyra	Too many house development
465	Palmyra	If you wish to listen and take action so the residents who live on the western end of the County actually feel positive about where they live and something positive happening in the future, which we do not feel this way, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.
471	Palmyra	I see there are many retired people in my community but there is little housing for seniors. In California there are many rent controlled 55+ apartments. I feel the county needs to focus of more housing that will accommodate those who want to be independent but can now longer manage a home and property



499	Palmyra	We love living here and envision more of a destination to come visit a quaint downtown and events countrywide.
527	Palmyra	<p>My beloved quiet Fluvanna country home that I have considered my oases for 33 years will be directly impacted by the Ballinger Creek Project. It will without a doubt reduce or eliminate the natural spring in my yard, threaten my well with ground water contamination and lowered water availability. It will abutt against the adjacent property line with proposed septic tanks and drain fields for 15 houses, each on less than 0.4 acres of land because of Fluvanna County zoning ordinances.</p> <p>I beg you to consider for just a moment this subdivision being developed immediately beside your home, and how it would impact your every day lives. This is what multiple long-term Fluvanna County residents are being asked to face at this time.</p>
528	Palmyra	I would like to see the Lake and the county work together more.
532	Palmyra	I'm worried about my access to well water should Ballinger Bluffs be approved. It would be 47 MORE homes in our area, and the well density for that property would be more that what Fluvanna has ever allowed! Four wells within 800 feet? There are many of us that are having trouble keeping a decent flow rate as it is. I'm very concerned that there won't be enough water to go around. Will the Fluvanna Planning Commission pay to have new wells dug for existing residents? This keeps me up at night.
15	Rivanna	Board meetings ought to be streamed or televised, made more accessible in all ways.
23	Rivanna	Need to re-district so Lake is adequately represented
67	Rivanna	I used to work for the Planning Commission & am saddened to see the County losing it's rural character & become ugly & barren.
116	Rivanna	Lake Monticello should have its own US Post Office & zip code.
171	Rivanna	Great place to live
185	Rivanna	Concerned about rapid growth in Fluvanna without proper infrastructure and lack of following own planning commission's guidance in what appears to be chase of the money.
241	Rivanna	No additional comments
268	Rivanna	Stop padding no essential things and pay for things we must have like EMS/Schools and make a real business base that pays higher taxes to support residents

271	Rivanna	Fluvanna county can and should be much better with services offered. And yes, I am OK with higher taxes if we can have better services. Here's the deal, being. skinflint does not bring about better services for Fluvanna County residents. Austerity is also libertarian crap and that is not viable. Fluvanna county needs to make an investment and that costs money. Homeowners have bearing the tax burden of the schools and that's why it is essential that Fluvanna county bring in more business to offset the homeowners. Nevertheless, I am still ok with a tax raise to help the schools. I will say it one more time-- Fluvanna county CAN be better and we must have a VISION that is bold and that encompasses planning for the future.
275	Rivanna	I have recently retired and would like to volunteer to assist in the county. I don't see a well designed volunteer program in the county.
296	Rivanna	sgoulde@gmail.com
322	Rivanna	I have enjoyed living in Fluvanna for 25 years. I like the rural feel of the area and the friends I have made here. I like the reasonable taxes and the beauty of the area.
338	Rivanna	Not sure how you plan to account for an additional 375 plus homes, plus the other 2 additional developments around 53 and the commuter nightmare that those homes are sure to create.
355	Rivanna	When we moved here 10 years ago, the primary reason was Fluvanna's proximity to Charlottesville. That is definitely a big plus still. What I didn't expect was all the friendships and personal connections I'd so quickly develop here. This is home.
384	Rivanna	Please help with the tax base by bringing more business to FluCo. Taxes are too much!
389	Rivanna	This survey is too long and too detailed.
438	Rivanna	Please, please don't ban left turns into or out of Monish Rd/ Rt. 53 at Lake Monticello!! The problem is vehicles without bar codes trying to enter and having to back out. This backs up traffic heading to Palmyra. The left turns are not the problem! Not being able to turn left will add 4 miles onto my commute from Charlottesville. I know that's selfish, but I spend too much time in the car already, hating the pollution I'm causing.
483	Rivanna	The parks and recreation promotion and programs are outstanding, thank you!
497	Rivanna	N/A
508	Rivanna	Fluvanna County is making honest strides at improvement, however that is defined, and I thoroughly enjoy the area. Under taxed rural land continues to bug me, while I am a believer in taxes and don't mind paying them. But greater equity is needed.