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Area Workshop Meeting Summary

Base Assumptions and topics

- Redevelopment of existing developed properties might create more development than originally thought
- City is not necessarily built-out
- “living city” has changed
- “perils of flood” issue should definitely be addressed
- More than one (1) core area, all areas should be looked at
- 2011 Plan underestimated growth impacts
- Outside pressures and impacts
- Outside pressures and development implications on “authenticity”
- Include authenticity issues in comprehensive plan, reference vision
- Parking and traffic issues – separating traffic issues, tourists, residents, county – satellite parking versus close in – transit system
- Look into funding sources – bed tax, tourist tax
- Affordable/workforce housing work with state and county
- Economic development – high speed internet, workshare spaces

Local Issues

- Safety issues, public safety, downtown “nightlife” detrimental
- Long range planning for tree canopy including within the city rights-of-way
- Affordable housing, bonuses, transportation issues
- Coordinate with county, impacts and mobility
- Tourist tax/head tax and marketing issues
- How to regain a sense of place and character
- Residents should be a priority
- Parks and recreation - intent to add to inventory, strategic neighborhood parks with connectivity, and a “comprehensive” look
- Homelessness

Good things about St. Augustine

- Neighborhoods and a sense of community
- Front porch neighborhoods and culture
- Character of city