

Simonton Comprehensive Plan 2023 - Community Responses

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Response #	Date Submitted	Strengths	Concerns	Priorities/Needs	Vision	Other Thoughts
1	6/27/2023 13:01	We are a lovely low key country community. We are located in a prime spot to get where you need to be pretty quickly.	placement of industrial businesses. aesthetics ~ maintaining a small town feel and charm	Mobility, Community Center, Sales Tax Revenue	I would like to see a cool retail development along Bessie's creek, with some great entertainment and dining options	
2	6/27/2023 13:37	Small. Strong sense of community.	Lack of infrastructure for growth. Want us to be 'Sugar Land' and not 'Stafford' who mis-handled the growth that is obviously coming.	Plan for growth rather than react after it's here. The small town vibe to be maintained even as we grow.	A vibrant place to live and work where people want to be.	Make sure the City is working with Twinwood and not in any adversarial relationship or even perceived negativity in the community with them. Help others embrace the growth.
4	6/27/2023 22:03					Have you thought about trying to be zoned to Brazos ISD? What would that require rather than Lamar?
5	7/6/2023 19:01		I feel it's unnecessary at this time	Don't feel this is a need at all.		
6	7/6/2023 19:16	Planning ahead, not waiting to be reactive. Rural beauty / significant green spaces. Historic or significant locations still potentially available. Ex. Vernon Frost property/ former sale barn, Simonton school house, valley Lodge country club	Low income households reducing the quality of life for others/ neighborhoods. Mobility over the long term. The 36A corridor passing through- if not planned well can be a detriment. Loss of rural land use and atmosphere.	Long term mobility planning. Ability to be a wired area- connectivity for today and high capacity in the future. Municipal Water access for new growth.	Rural, small town feel but with planned and zoned community and commercial areas. Self sufficient- City and individuals. Build activities that make a name for Simonton - example, the Simonton Round Up was internationally known. Return FFA, 4H, and other ag based education and events to Simonton	Overcome the divisive behavior of a few to set us on a path to control our future, not be subject to outsiders imposing control
7	7/6/2023 20:22	Simonton has a wonderful, colorful history. This is a wonderful strength in and of itself. Seeing development favor historic looking buildings and keeping green space and old growth trees.	Mobility for future growth and current residents. No cookie cutter developments or apartments.	Public green spaces, focused on kids and adult interests. Adequate/appropriate zoning and development incentives to encourage the type of business that will keep Simonton a unique and attractive community	Would like to see several planned developments, maybe townhouses or over 50 community, home built on 1/2 to 1 acre or larger. Sidewalks, bike path, no neon or bright light signs. A town center, with new city hall/community center and well thought out shops.	Development is coming, there is no stopping it. Ensuring a good partnership and development plan with Twinwood is necessary.

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8	<p>7/6/2023 20:39 Our city staff and a awesome Mayor to lead this city as we grow. Erica, Jennifer, Laurie. Our new social communication. Keep Simonton Beautiful! Emergency Management</p>	<p>City Ordinances enforcer! Remain a opening fencing community! Dark skies. Preserve our nature, native grasses.</p>	<p>DSL fiber lines. Dark skies! Larger City Hall.</p>	<p>Minimum 2 acra homes since we're in the wet lands. Open fencing community for homes! Country style shopping centers with local owners. Less chain or big box stores.</p>
9	<p>7/6/2023 22:40 Some neighbors bare very helpful!</p>	<p>Too many people moving into our neighborhood with "farm type animals" and not making proper preparations for them</p>	<p>Better flood prevention. We lived here for 16 years before our home flooded. Surprisingly , the new home next door to us caused us to flood! powers that be say not the reason. If that's true, why did that home get the last dirt pad permit? All home after that one required to be pier and beam. Local government seems to not really care even though we've asked numerous times for solutions. Have waited almost a year from visit where we were told "we will research some solutions"</p>	
10	<p>7/7/2023 8:26</p>	<p>Every week there are multiple gunshots after drinking and loud music. Sheriffs don't care. No one cares. This is still a neighborhood. Good people move out! No one cares. I think there should be a mandate that every house has three RVs parked in front of it also. That would be a nice finishing touch.</p>		

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11	7/7/2023 8:54 Our amazing City staff first and foremost. History as a quiet country town. We still have open spaces. We have the opportunity to protect that! We have what many people want let's not change that!	We currently have no zoning for new developments. We want new developments but there needs to be strict rules and guidelines. We can't just allow businesses and neighborhoods to come in and do what they want. The city needs to retain control of what and how new things get built. Where they build. Must take into consideration the long term effect of things. We do NOT want to become a mini Fulshear. Overcrowded, bad traffic and just a free for all on what gets approved for building	Need to be focused on keeping our open spaces and dark skies. Need restrictions on building any industrial business. Subdivisions need to be restricted to minimum 1 acre lots. We need additional nature focused development.	To be an amazing thriving area that keeps the focus on country living. Businesses are good we need to be particular on what and how they are built! Remember our history as a livestock community and build on that. That's why people move here we need to keep it that way as much as possible!	
12	7/7/2023 9:14 Strengths would be our open land. Agriculture, people love to drive past cows, hay bales, wild flowers, etc. Hopefully we can keep a lot of that. AND keep our growth just in the downtown area.	We don't want Dollar Generals, Public Storage or big box stores filling up these fields.	This town needs to add some boutiques, cafes, upscale country vibes similar to Round Top or Bellville Tx.	My vision is to have people drive thru Simonton and say "that's a cute town" just by looking at the buildings. Pretty country style buildings, nothing bright and neon. Def old classic country vibes.	
13	7/7/2023 13:09 Community is strong even with the political diversity	Hope there are no room for big corporations	Home and pops shops, local small business	I will love that the country feeling community and city stay strong.	I know how important it is to have this plan on place.
14	7/7/2023 13:11 The neighborhood togetherness the majority of the time	Not able to keep the property if taxes continue to climb.	Need to drive about 12 miles to get to a major store and to get to a fast food restaurant, like McDonald's, Whataburger etc.,	To have a nice, bigger park and have a nice shopping area like the Centerra in Katy	To have their own Police Department

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15	7/8/2023 9:26 Strong sense of community.	Growth, mobility and ability to drive the growth to focus on the needs of the community.	Safe intersection at the crossroads of 1093 and 1489.	A quaint destination location with small local shops. Something like a boardwalk where folks like to come and hang out for shopping and dining or meeting for cocktails.
			Ensuring proper zoning that is cohesive to the people and animals that live in this small community.	
			Ensure industrial type plants are not allowed in or near the city.	
			Ensure all health, safety and environmental issues are in place as growth moves this direction.	
16	7/8/2023 11:30 small community where you know everyone! trees, lots of trees! Brazos River, Bessie's Creek - maybe in the future create canoeing/kayaking and riding/biking trails to enhance the usage of these 2 tributaries?	People entitled not to follow the laws for the city of Simonton and too entitled not to follow the deed restrictions for the POA in Brazos Valley/Valley Lodge. Speeding, cars and trucks Semi- trucks	Education! All those who feel entitled to do what they want NEED to be educated to the consequences. Such as: If we do not get zoning and ordinances in place we will become a dumping ground for all the undesirable businesses!	Growing with a town center that keeps the architecture in line with a small town that is updated, upgraded like the Sugar Land Town Center. Quaint, fun and engaging. Also, would love to see some continued white vinyl fencing along 1093 and 1489.. We are a community that binds together during tough times, we used to have such a love and respect for each other. I would love to see that again, without a disaster!!! Remember the Golden Rule? Do unto others that you would want to be done to you! Think Good, Speak Good and Do Good! And watch our community grow with love and honor!