

**Yellow Springs Forum  
March 26, 2005  
Job Two Results**

Government Services-included  
Education-included  
Housing-included  
Tax & Pub Rev-only did 4 out of the 5  
Economic Base-included

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Attract learners to our educational institutions	63	1
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**Attract learners to our educational institutions**

- Advertise
- Advertising arts/cultural services
- Develop better print materials for Antioch to get the word out (advertise)
  - Print and distribute class schedules
- PR
- Utilize publicity
- Focus on housing for young families
- Provide affordable housing
- Provide more affordable housing
  - To rent and buy
- Develop learning opportunities for retirees
  - At Antioch within the same classes as the students
  - Offer courses just for seniors/retired persons at a convenient location
- Express rich, creative, artistic, walk-able, delectable, tolerant, diverse, educated, healthy small town
- Develop a video
- Be first-rate institutions
- Support educational institutions
- Combine with Glen and other resources
- Provide jobs for graduates
- Promote healthy environment (air, etc.)
- Interesting programs
- Provide good physical facilities
- Actively promote attractiveness/availability to outsiders
- Provide high speed internet access
- Give learners a larger role in government/civic bodies (Chamber of Commerce, Council, Commissions)
- Mediate existence of cultural attraction

- Expand depth of cultural activities

**Attract new residents to our community**

- Senior living community
- Marketing
- Recognize that Yellow Springs residents commute and store hours are an issue (i.e., stores are closed before residents get back into the Village from work)
- Community becoming less diverse
  - Attract African-Americans
  - Look at community dynamics related to diversity issues (is affordable housing the problem?)
- Conduct research on why people don't want to live/stay in Yellow Springs (ask high school grads, college grads, etc.)
- Support new construction
- Housing (diverse, affordable)
- Jobs
- Good schools
- Viable downtown (young IT workers)
- Green spaces (including Western Greenbelt)
- Cultural resources and make them known
- Use empty housing stock to provide new housing for middle income residents
- Proactive interest in health of education institutions
- Develop tangible ways of rewarding academic excellence

**Attract people to shop, recreate, eat, or spend the night**

- Expand cultural/recreational opportunities
  - Business/store "hours of operation" expansion
- More PR for Yellow Springs activities/events
  - Other local newspapers
  - Ensure capacity for when an increased number of people do come (i.e., parking)
  - Parking garage (creatively decorated)
- More or better signage regarding locations, where to park, etc.
- Need more hotels/overnight accommodations for overnight capacity
  - Promote existing ones, have open houses
- Need some "bed & breakfast" businesses
  - Village allowed to have "bed & breakfast" establishments, but there are none, so need to be better promoted
- Downtown hotel or Village Inn
- Arts center
- Promote as walk-able/bike-able with multi-transportation modes
- Communicate Yellow Springs' story
- Extend business hours
- Monthly events (arts strolls)
- Marketing
- Quality schools
- Better paying jobs

- High perceived quality of life
- Affordable living
- Facilities to stay in
- Crafts, art, cultural fairs
- Diversity in retail
- Hospitality
- Analysis of departing residents
- Conduct both entrance and exit analysis
- Build condos for seniors
- Affordable housing for village residents
- Village and college collaboration – what can we as a village or individuals do to help?
- Look for older residents who move back to college area. They may be attending classes.

**Convince local businesses to grow here**

- Can't find the space/facility they need to grow
  - Look at vacant buildings/structure
  - Look at ways to accommodate those growing businesses (i.e., vacant lots/buildings)
- Village provide low-cost loans for business renovations
- Coach/mentor/consult
- Encourage local shopping
- Local bank (local currency?)
- Cheap space
- Parking
- Strengthen Chamber of Commerce
- Creative use of tax abatement
- Infrastructure funding support
- Incentives
- Parking
- Affordable housing
- Motorcycle rally
- Retain community uniqueness
- Preserve ambience of downtown area
- Adopt green design practices for commercial/residential
- Contact between businesses in downtown areas.
- Village and Chamber of Commerce jointly develop an explicit Economic Development Plan
- Openness to potential new businesses.
- Work/collaborate with county – more ways to enhance economic development of county. “Regionalism.” Use Montgomery County Edge Funds as example.
- Village and Chamber of Commerce look for cutting edge.
  - Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution by Paul Hawken
  - Also Amory Lovins
- Creative business incubator

**Attract appropriate new business to Yellow Springs**

- Antioch/McGregor are anchors
- When central business districts are at capacity, then look elsewhere (*there was not group agreement on this*)
- Not retail, attract Antioch/McGregor alumni, and Yellow Springs high school graduates
- Center for Business and Education (visible gateway)
- Utilize the Center for Business Education
- Maintain economic vitality of Yellow Springs downtown
- Decide what is appropriate (identify niches) via a Task Force
- Identify appropriate businesses
- Communicate values
- Outreach
- Develop clear values statement as a touchstone, consistent message
- Consistent with education focus
- Design principles
- PR
- Hire promoter
- Identify available space
- Identify workforce