

## **Scottsboro-Bells Bend: Table 3 Comments (Facilitator Brenda) Visioning Meeting January 17, 2008**

### **1. What makes an area rural? What environmental features? What land uses? What do the homes look like? What do commercial areas look like?**

- Cows, horses, tractors – no condos – big yard, space to move around
- Old trees and green space
- Undisturbed wild areas
  - Natural preservation
  - Steep areas, river
- No dumps
- River, openspace, farm land
- “As much what is there as isn’t”
- Ridgelines, animals
- Agriculture, wooded areas, historic – no commercial, industry or high density
- “Ditto”
- How you use the land in line with natural features
- Little roads, know your neighbors
- Not too “pretty” – a few house trailers, sheds, not too manicured – “a cow patty feels at home”
- Natural resources
- Farmland
- Homes are diverse, cabins – “not much in the way of extra codes”
- “Can hang our undies on the line without any complaints”
- Big family events – multi-generational – and no one complains about the parking
- Commercial – country store, rustic, centralized, compact
- Once you get there you could walk
- Limited area
- Low rise

### **2. What do you value about Scottsboro? about Bells Bend?**

- Participants put places on the map
- Some of the references are representative – for example, all historic resources should be preserved but did not identify the location of all
- The same goes for woodlands, wetlands, ridges, etc.

### **3. What would you like to have preserved? Environmental features? Land use? Character?**

- Land uses
- Sod farm
- Farm
- Any agricultural use but not industrialized agriculture
- Parks
- Recreational
- Caves
- Environmental features
- Small roads
  - Curvy
  - Limited access
- Low density
- No sewers
- No bridges
- Few traffic lights

### **4. What would you like to see change? Environmental features? Land uses? Character?**

- Limit dump at Briley
- Ferry
- Footbridge connecting greenways
- Hospital
- Post office

- Produce market, farmers co-op
- School
- More boating, docks, kayaks
- Less motor boating
- Fire station
- Hardware/general store
- Music venue, like the Bluebird Café
- Amphitheater
- Green median or no median on Ashland City Highway
- Sidewalks and trails
- Bike lanes/horse trails
- Community gym – support the Bordeaux Y
- Rail service
- Bus service
- Reforesting
- More people come to enjoy
- Community green projects – recycling
- Drop-off center – recycling
- More nature education
- NO: chain stores, no corporate, no industrial farming, no fighting cocks, not Starbucks

**5. What is valuable about your property?**

- I like where I live – quiet, no racket
- I hear owls hooting
- My garden
- My garden – I can grow things
- I love the deer
- Dogs can run
- Creek
- My livestock
- Room for the kids to play in the big yard
- Trees older than me
- Smell of fresh cut hay
- Lot size – large, acreage
- People drop in
- Know our neighbors
- Spring water
- Fire wood handy
- Wild flowers
- Bluebells in the spring
- Medicinal plants
- Root cellar
- The views
- Fresh air
- Great blue herons
- You can see the stars
- Train going by my yard
- Pee outside
- Sounds of crickets and frogs
- Lightening bugs
- Warblers
- Old barns

**6. How would you like to be able to use your land or see it used in the future?**

- Pond to raise fish
- Give a piece of my land to my daughter
- Keep my livestock
- Put it into conservation easement

- Organic farming
- More farming
- Continue hunting
- Chickens
- Raising “cain”
- Bon fires

**7 & 8. What types of new development could occur in Scottsboro without changing your quality of life? Where could the development occur?**

*(The people at this table said it was all one with those north of Ashland City highway living in North Scottsboro and those south in South Scottsboro)*

- Spa-type place
- Bed and Breakfast
- Education – natural/agricultural
  - Nature center
  - Agricultural center/institute
- School
- Camping in the park
- Commercial – country store, hardware, café – all at Old Hickory/Ashland City Highway intersection
- Sorghum mill
- Compost – organic
- Recycling center – small
- Centralized garbage drop-off – not a dump but a convenience/transfer center
- Garage
- Low density development