

## **Scottsboro-Bells Bend: Table 6 Comments (Facilitator Greg) 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?**

- Farming
- Green spaces
- Barns
- Narrow roads
- Woods
- Country
- Big lots, large properties, acres vs. feet
- Country stores
- Deep setbacks
- Lots of wildlife
- Horses & mules
- Limited services
- Low population
- Quiet
- Commercial only at Ashland City Hwy & Old Hickory
- Space for privacy
- Tranquility

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

- Long historical heritage – identity is one place
- Scottsboro – rural community, rural community values
- Bells Bend – rural way of life
- Long family connections & family community ties
- Scottsboro – our existing center of community
- Open spaces give peace & calmness to people as they drive through
- Geographical diversity
- River is asset – “It protects us & makes it hard to get here.”
- Identity
- Peaceful
- Ruralness
- Can have farm animals
- Certain attitude
- Openness
- Few people
- A place you can be by yourself
- Wildlife
- Like it like it is
- Dark skies

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

- Animal life
- Low density
- Limited roads
- Wildlife habitat – for endangered species such as whooping cranes
- Open space – “Great to have open space so close to the city.”
- Quiet areas
- Low population
- Archeological sites
- No light pollution
- No billboards

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

- Wade School renovated
- Better emergency services
- More parks, more public parklands
- Wetland restoration
- Greenway around Cumberland River in the Bend – multi-purpose, walking, canoes, horses, bikes, fishing, bird watching
- Small commercial services along Ashland City Hwy at Old Hickory Blvd
- Future utilities underground – no more power lines

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

- Privacy
- Open spaces
- Barns & farm animals – horses, goats
- Creeks
- Ponds
- Acreage
- Woods
- Greenbelt status for agricultural

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

- Single-family residential and farming – leave open the possibility for future generations to incrementally build additional housing for children

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

- Small commercial services along Ashland City Hwy (“Not Gallatin Road commercial.”)
- Limit commercial to Ashland City Hwy, like a neighborhood-scale hardware store, nothing larger than that

**8. What types of new development could occur in Bell’s Bend without changing your quality of life? Where could the development occur?**

- Campgrounds & greenway at end of Old Hickory Blvd in the Bend
- Large lot residential
- Park
- Horse stable – Recreational commercial like horse stables or something associated with using existing open spaces might be acceptable
- Interpretive center on Bells Bend