



Project Outreach Mad Lib Summary

SGF Open House – Springfield Comprehensive Plan

The City of Springfield hosted an Open House as part of the *Forward SGF* Plan Kickoff activities and provided a “Planning Mad Lib” for children to fill out regarding Springfield and the creation of the new Comprehensive Plan, *Forward SGF*. Input from the 13 mad libs collected will help to guide the planning process and will be directly reflected in the vision, goals, recommendations, and policies of the final *Forward SGF* plan.

NOTE ON SUMMARY CONTEXT

The following is a summary of the thoughts, comments, and opinions received in the workshop. Some comments were shared with the entire group, while others were recorded privately on worksheets. The items identified in this summary are not recommendations or observations of the consultant, but rather represent feedback and comments received from those who participated in the workshop.

Each mad lib contained several fill-in-the-blank statements meant to be completed by the individual filling it out. Provided below are the responses organized by statement and categorized by topic.

There are things that I don't like as much about Springfield, such as...

COMMUNITY CHARACTER AND IDENTITY

- Lack of inclusion/diversity (4)
- Regressive mindsets
- Historic preservation
- Promoting sense of place
- Ugly streets
- Inequality

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Crime
- Homelessness
- Access to mental health care
- Poverty

TRANSPORTATION

- Public transportation

- Traffic
- Walkability

JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Low wages (2)

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

- Massive commercial development
- Strip malls
- Parking lots
- Lack of vertical buildings

EDUCATION

- Progressive thinking

CITY LEADERSHIP, SERVICES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Personal property tax
- Funding
- Nonprofits

NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS, AND OPEN SPACE

- Lack of greenspace
- Pollution
- Lack of trails

I think things could be improved by...

COMMUNITY CHARACTER AND IDENTITY

- Involve others
- Unity
- Diversity
- Historic preservation incentives
- Courage
- Stand up to micro-aggressions
- Create identity

NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS, AND OPEN SPACE

- Greenspace (2)
- Green energy

TRANSPORTATION

- Public transportation (2)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Attraction and retention of young professionals
- Green jobs

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

- Careful placement of commercial structures
- Affordable housing
- Architecture

CITY LEADERSHIP

- Open leadership
- Public involvement

What I would like to see built in Springfield is...

- New museum (2)
- Music/film studios
- Arts/cultural venues
- More trails
- Trolley system
- An event center
- Greenspace
- Outdoor plazas
- Taller buildings