

Appendix L

Most Important Issue Facing the Town

22. What do you feel is the one most important issue facing the Town of Cary? (# of comments)

- Managing growth (124)
- Schools (53)
- Traffic (25)
- Overdevelopment (17)
- Overpopulation (16)
- Attracting businesses/jobs (12)
- Budget/spending (11)
- Roads/streets (10)
- Safety/crime (10)
- Economic conditions (6)
- Improving downtown (6)
- Planning (6)
- High taxes (5)
- Construction (4)
- Maintaining greenspace (4)
- Maintaining small town feel (4)
- Annexation (3)
- High utility bills (3)
- Water issues (3)
- Harsh sign rules (2)
- Local transportation (2)
- Maintaining home values (2)
- Maintaining quality of life (2)
- Storm water runoff
- Achieving proper mix of commercial and residential and compensating the traffic patterns
- Fairness
- Gangs in schools seem to be on the rise
- Unhappy about the Community tree becoming Christmas tree
- Activities available
- Interest groups make a lot of noise; they're getting noticed above average opinions
- Nothing
- Depends on what I read in the Cary News
- Snobbery
- More medical facilities
- Like urban sprawl; big yards; don't like living so close to neighbors

- Stepping on people they shouldn't
- Too many rules
- Development at High House Road
- The Town seems to close down when it snows
- Maintaining level of services without raising taxes
- No shopping; separate independent city from Raleigh
- Having to pay \$40 permit to take dog to Bon Park
- Need wireless zone
- Being politically correct about everything
- Houses are too expensive
- Need to have more facilities
- More variety in shops and restaurants
- Lack of nightlife
- Meeting the needs of the community
- Need a public swimming facility
- Resources
- Shopping centers look boring because of the signs; all need to be the same
- Small business operations
- Public works
- Slow moving town
- Would like to know more about recycling
- Old feed store being made into a development with houses looking like the store but no feeling of progress
- Other cities saying we are conceited
- Water pollution
- Too much commercial development
- Sign on a guy's house on Maynard Road (screwed by the Town of Cary)
- More events; old Cary theme should stay
- Public transit
- Focus on helping lower income housing areas; not too low but more middleclass
- Keep family first
- Price of housing keeps going up
- The impact of 540
- Maintaining high expectations set for the Town