Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?

- Not too big, but still fun things to do
- One of the fastest motor-cross tracks
- Near great tourism
- Great weather
- It’s a small town but close to bigger cities
- We have nice recreational areas
- Cost of living is very low
- There is a variety of restaurants and stores
- Steak & Shake; Zaxby’s
- Friends and family all live here
- Our school
- Relatively close to other towns
- Nice, little town

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?

- Clubs
- Community sports leagues
- Less government influence
- Water park/community plaza
- Larger mall
- More fancy restaurants
- Water park/theme park
- Bass Pro Shop
- More jobs and better pay
- Better shopping centers and restaurants
- More community activities
- Better supplies for public schools

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?

- Family lives here
- Diversity of jobs and same pay as bigger cities
- More opportunities for job advancement
- Town to be more alive
- Better rivalry in all high school sports
- Physicians Assistant
- More entertainment
- Reliable jobs
- More community/town activities
- More shopping options
- More 24-hr places
- Community clean-up activities

Q. 4 – What would do if you were the Mayor of Dalton for a day?

- Help unemployment situation
- Make roads safer and cleaner
- Try to build more community activities
- Outreach projects for people who need help
- Public sanitation laws
- Try and join all of the small communities together as one
- Fix up low quality homes
- Job bonus
- Build new shopping, dining and entertainment facilities
- Animal shelters
Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?

- Sports
- Parties
- Mall
- Movies
- Restaurants
- Parks and recreation
- Hangouts
- Dalton High football, basketball, sports
- Library
- Country Club
- Recreation parks
- Mall
- Mexican restaurants
- Schools
- Places to hang out
- Recreation places

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?

- Beaches
- Bigger, better mall
- Less pollution
- More jobs
- No trains
- Bigger theater
- Clubs
- Dave & Busters
- Amusement/water parks
- Good jobs
- Sidewalks

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?

- Good job offers
- Improvements
- Pro sports teams (x2)
- Food
- If it became a bigger city
- Church
- Small town
- Coach Dalton High sports
- Friends and family (x3)
- Economy

Q. 4 – What would do if you were the Mayor of Dalton for a day?

- Get out of school early
- Help poor people (school supplies, clothing, etc.)
- More freedom
- Less school time
- No curfew for teens
Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?

- Downtown needs more things relevant to us and open later at night (relevant = clothing for teens, outlets)
- Restaurants: Oakwood, Irongate, Tiajuanas
- Needs to be more open – too many bridges
- Peaceful
- Good location – close to ATL and Chattanooga
- Family-oriented/good place to raise family
- Quiet
- SONIC to hangout
- Amount of land for home

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?

- Walk everywhere (like Chattanooga)
- Nothing to do in Dalton
- Need more of a college-town atmosphere
- Everyone loves carpet and football
- Not busy city but have more entertainment – grow smartly
- More variety for hanging out – teen clubs, game room concept (golf, go-carts, etc.), theater in city limits, beach
- Ability to be at the mall after 6 PM without parent supervision
- Outdoor activities
- Better school system – funding for more technology; no “skinny” period unless have organized activity
- Rec. is too crowded - too many adults, not as safe (gangs; possible drug area)
- Current hang out = friends houses

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?

- Family lives here
- Better job
- Different types of people
- Want more crowded place – big city
- Good people in Dalton – close to families

Q. 4 – What would do if you were the Mayor of Dalton for a day?

- Get rid of poor teachers – some don’t teach
- Give money to schools, smaller classes, better teachers, improve school food
- Build theater for performances
- More food options/restaurants
- Change speed limit – increase to 40 mph on Tibbs St.
- Festivals (current ones are for adults only)
- Interactive events at Cultural Arts Guild that appeal to teens
- Bring creative arts folks to downtown – street vendor concept
- Concerts by high school bands
Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?

- It’s very diverse
- Parks/recreation center
- Security
- Climate and location
- Calm, small town
- Great theater
- Close to bigger cities
- Active community
- Many recreations
- Calm and peaceful
- Small town
- Movie theater
- Dalton High
- Mountains and bike trails

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?

- Have amusement parks
- Better and bigger shopping centers
- Clubs
- Bigger soccer fields for school
- Bigger mall (x2)
- Bus transportation/trolleys
- Water park
- More tourist attractions
- More recreational areas
- Amusement parks
- Better mall
- More music activities

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?

- Friends and family (x3)
- Community involvement
- Weather
- Diversity
- Jobs/carpet industry
- Calmness of the small town
- Memories/school reunions
- Restaurants
- Get away from big cities
- Nature – fishing, trails, bikes

Q. 4 – What would do if you were the Mayor of Dalton for a day?

- Legalize illegal aliens and end the immigration crisis
- Make new laws
- Less teen restrictions
- Be more international
- Have more supportive charities/organizations
- More sidewalks
- Make outside of school art/music classes
- Make a plan to develop more jobs in the community
- More support with organizations
Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?

- Diversity of cultures
- School system (programs and opportunities)
- Calm compared to other places
- Restaurants
- Mountains
- JC Penny's
- Safe
- Wal-Mart
- Education
- Peaceful
- Downtown Dalton
- Everything is close
- Nice shops
- Walk
- Clean
- Quiet
- Landscape
- Mall
- Restaurants
- Close-by places
- Bowling alley
- Movie theater
- Relaxed
- Nature
- Wal-Marts

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?

- Clubs
- Bigger mall (more variety)
- Less divided culture – more social gatherings, cultural celebrations
- Target
- Mall with good stores
- Chill people
- Beach
- Publix
- Fancy restaurants
- Clubs
- Better mall
- Go-karts
- Electronic store
- Government housing
- More businesses
- Amusement parks
- Park
- Crosswalks
- Asian food
- Italian food
- Target
- More shops
- Better environment – recycling, social
- Cleaner environment
- More bodies of water
- More peach trees
- Less drama
- Better houses
- Ice skating rink
- Classy food places
- More trees
Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?

- Party clubs for younger teens
- Set up more programs to help people
- Mall
- Bigger city
- Less rural
- Better group of people here
- Activities for my kids
- Yearly things like Riverbend
- More industry
- Better hospitals
- Arena
- Festivals
- Out-door activities
- Amusement park
- Better job opportunities (other than med.)
- Concerts
- Crosswalks/peaceful/low crime rates
- River
- Family
- Down-to-earth kids
- More interaction
- Young adult scene
- Upgrade Bradley Wellness
- Better jobs
- Cultural diversity
- River you can live next to
- Good environment for kids – a place where they can play outsides in neighborhoods
- Get parents involved with kids
- Upgrade Bradley Wellness – children programs
- Less rural
- New people
- Professions related to the arts
- More outdoor activities
- Concerts

Q. 4 – What would do if you were the Mayor of Dalton for a day?

- Open up and help to accomplish what they want
- Make the mall bigger
- Hospital
- Fix the crosswalks
- Amusement parks
- Add second story to the mall
- Cheap buses for transportation
- Park
- Better restaurants
- Add nicer stores
- More funding for schools
- Summer camps
- More schools
- Industries
- Government housing
- Arena
- Keep fair at the “fair grounds”
- Less useless places
- More retirement homes
- Cheap public transportation
- Build more schools (15 students per classroom) – too crowded
- Split up clustered/similar businesses
- Expand city into Dalton/Whitfield County
- Fix hospitals; clean them; fix ER
- Invite in more businesses
Dalton Visioning Project
Dalton High School (10th Grade)
Small Group Responses
May 19, 2010

Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?
- Family and friends here
- Sentiment
- School system is good – would send kids here
- Opportunities for job in the arts (music teachers, college professor)
- Good place to raise family
- Peaceful
- Well-rounded community
- Parks
- Crime is low/ drugs are low
- Small town feel
- Good parks – outdoors (soccer, biking, hiking)
- Sports – rec league/after school
- Location
- Community theater
- Media support for DHS
- “Big” little town
- Clean public areas

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?
- Expand downtown parking and activities
- Teen involvement in community service/school-wide
- Preserve nature
- Small, specialty stores
- City needs to do better job of advertising businesses downtown (ideas: billboards, Facebook – not radio, paper)
- More sidewalks needed
- More recreational areas
- More recognition for the arts
- Curbed drug activities
- Bike friendly – lanes/keep clean and maintained

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?
- Better attractions/things to do (all close at 6 PM)
- More affordable events (ideas: mall, “Riverbend”, concerts)
- Sports facilities and trails
- Clean up Underwood
- Better weather policy for snow
- Better handling of crime/gangs
- Parks
- Drug improvements
- Good public schools
- Hometown feel – not too big or small
- Good place to raise a family
- More peaceful than other cities

Q. 4 – What would do if you were the Mayor of Dalton for a day?
- Better attractions
- Re-do sports facilities/bike lanes
- Clean up places like “Underwood”
Dalton Visioning Project
Dalton High School (9th Grade)
Small Group Responses
May 18, 2010

Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?
- Parties
- Parks and recreation
- Mall
- Movies
- The freedom we have with friends
- The places to hang out with friends
- The mall
- Places to visit
- Parks

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?
- Amusement park (x3)
- Jobs/opportunities
- Better healthcare
- More shopping stores
- Not a lot of construction building

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?
- Weather
- Family
- Fun places (Aquarium)
- Restaurants
- Many restaurants
- The place that I was born in and raised
- Family
- Fun places that are interesting
- Good jobs

Q. 4 – What would do if you were the Mayor of Dalton for a day?
- Feed the hungry – clothes, school supplies
- No school
- Help the homeless find jobs
- Build better parks
- Treat people fairly – no racism
- I would go help people that need help, such as places that they don't have money to buy food
- Donate money to children that don't have parents to buy them things
- Make new parks
- Help the homeless
- Make peace; no such thing as anti-immigration; treat people fairly
Dalton Visioning Project
Dalton High School (9th Grade)
Small Group Responses
May 18, 2010

Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?
- Country club
- Sports – Dalton (Friday night football)
- Convenient location
- Tiajuanas
- Theaters
- Walgreens
- Harmon Field
- Dalton schools
- Sports system
- Variety of churches
- School
- Sports/recreation
- Food (Fugi)

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?
- Better shopping
- Krispy Kreme/donut & bagel places
- Better restaurants
- Clean up the city
- Target (x2)
- Parking
- A better mall
- Arts and culture school
- More stuff for people to do
- Variety of food options
- Clean city; nice downtown
- Fix houses/aps
- Places to hang out (safe)
- Tourist attractions/arts/museums

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?
- Family
- Security of a small city – good environment
- No ghetto or sketchiness
- Friends, family
- Calmness
- Family memories
- Security of small city- everyone knows everyone
- More green space
- Public transportation
- Clean downtown with arts, books, personality
- Walnut moved downtown

Q. 4 – What would do if you were the Mayor of Dalton for a day?
- Clean up the city
- Provide a safer and more fun environment
- Bring more places to eat and shop – give the city more personality
- Renovate the mall
- Get rid of abandon buildings
- Looser restrictions
- Cleanup, better environment; safer location for the mall
- Nowhere to go when you get out of the movies – change that!
- Gangs would be better if there were more things to do
Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?

- Good quality trees, grass, and animals
- Mexican restaurants
- Weather
- Two Wal-Marts
- Small town
- Many parks
- Not much traffic
- Nature
- Good number of people
- Family and friends
- Places to go and have fun (movies, bowling, park, golf, paintball)
- Lots of places to go eat
- Workout places
- Family is near by
- Community is pretty much safe
- Local parks
- Not a big town – just right

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?

- More jobs
- Cleaner environment
- Cheaper gas
- A big mall with an arcade
- More shopping centers
- Better roads
- More side walks
- More jobs
- Clubs
- Amusement parks
- Bigger ball (better clothing stores)
- More places to hang out
- More jobs
- Safer community
- Water park
- More pro-recycling actions
- More jobs
- A big attraction theme park

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?

- Family and friends (x2)
- Dave & Busters
- More attractions
- 4D movies
- 1 mega Wal-Mart
- Good place to raise a family
- If it was beautiful and clean
- If there were more attractions
- Family
- Complex buildings that are money-making and attract people
- A makeover of the place
- A better/fun atmosphere

Q. 4 – What would do if you were the Mayor of Dalton for a day?

- Less restrictions on guns and everything
- Less racism in the jobs for immigrants
- More money for the homeless
- Better DFACS
- Better sidewalks/roads
- More money for schools (lockers, textbooks, teachers, less cuts)
- Clean community
- Lower gas prices
- Less discrimination
- Expand the community
- More book stores
- Less expanding
- Less taxes
- Faster authority response time (911)
- Community watch
- Stop overcrowding fast food places
Dalton Visioning Project
Small Group Responses
Northwest Whitfield High School – 9th Grade
May 6, 2010

Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?
• It's not too big or too small
• There are two Wal-Mart stores (mentioned twice)
• Places to hang out with friends and family
• Getting lost on back roads
• You would miss your family if you had to move
• We know lots of people in the community
• Good location
• Family and friends near
• Diversity of people
• It's not a big city
• Not over crowded
• Many restaurants
• Jobs
• Friends
• Good food
• Sports
• Mall

Q. 2 What things would you like to see in Dalton?
• Better environment
• Bigger Mall
• More places to hang out
• More parks and places to hang out
• More job opportunities
• A stadium built so concerts could be played often
• Better economy
• Better places to eat
• World peace
• Dunkin Donuts
• Better schools
• Less domestic violence
• More diversity
• Cleaner, more places to relax
• Bigger buildings
• More entertainment
• Park with better play stuff
• Better roads
• More fun

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?
• Family and friends (noted by all)
• Memories – places where you and your friends and family used to hang out, or somewhere you had a great time with people
• Longhorn
• If there were houses that were placed in nice neighborhoods that were affordable
• If the crime and violence went down
• Safe environment for families
• See the train

Q. 4 – What would you do if you were Mayor of Dalton for a day?
• Year-round school
• Start a new business to help the town's economy
• Make plans for the American Legion to help the veterans
• Help economy
• A huge mall
• Fix downtown
• Go Green!
• Add more to Walnut Ave.
• Make a homeless shelter
• Make more opportunities for people
• Make an amusement park
• Add more to schools
• Enforce the laws more
Dalton Visioning Project
Small Group Responses
Northwest Whitfield High School – 9th and 10th Grade
May 6, 2010

Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?
- Small town/community
- Everyone knows each other
- Great new restaurants
- New movie theater
- A real athletic community
- Panera Bread, Five Guys, Fuji
- Good churches, youth groups
- Edward’s Park (new)
- Everyone in the community is involved (sports, schools, businesses, etc.)
- People are willing to help each other out
- There are a lot of opportunities for youth to get involved
- Good environment
- Good schools
- “Good” size

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?
- A new mall
- Bring in more entertainment
- Renovate schools
- Become a stronger community
- Better placement of things
- More restaurants towards Cohutta
- New mall
- Better industry – besides carpet
- More focused on children’s future instead of sports
- Nicer, cleaner community
- More youth entertainment in the summer
- Have more things to do
- Improve the level of academics
- Improve the structure of the city
- One giant community
- Get to know people around us
- More jobs

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?
- Family (mentioned by all groups)
- When you want to settle down
- Friends
- Memories
- See the “changes”
- Goods schools – kids
- Family, but we don’t want to come back and be bored and dread staying
- More child friendly, safer communities and better jobs

Q. 4 – What would you do if you were Mayor of Dalton for a day?
- More fun, meaningful jobs
- Some place just to hang out and listen to music, watch a play, eat
- More festivals to bring everyone together
- Better sport facilities
- Listen to the people and make the changes Dalton needs
- Nothing really attracts people to Dalton
- Make physical improvements; make things more inviting
- Do things all the way, not half heartedly
- Give new ideas a chance
- Help parents by giving cheaper daycare that’s not rundown
- Have more things available (job, etc.) to the people
- Build decent middle schools, high schools in the city
- Make more community-friendly (parks)
Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?
- Downtown
- Close proximity (everything)
- Education opportunities
- Public library
- Local food
- Safety
- Pretty, clean parks
- Dalton has a friendly, small-town atmosphere.
- Everything is close together
- Oakwood Café
- Community groups/organizations: Dalton Arts Project, Community in Action, Creative Arts guild, United Way.
- Good school system
- Low crime rates
- Local businesses – good sponsorships

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?
- Better shopping – Target (x2)
- More job opportunities
- More Italian restaurants
- Athletic events
- More Green!
- Better hangouts
- Bigger, better mall
- Improve library
- Movie – drive-in
- Better Starbucks
- Baskin Robbins
- Entertainment
- Downtown – cleaner, more lively
- Mall – more stores, bookstore
- More activities – for teens
- More culturally diverse restaurants
- More parking at Harmon field

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?
- Jobs in our degrees.
- More of a nightlife.
- Good neighborhoods for raising children and having a family.
- Good place to buy a house.
- Job security.
- Diverse economy (not carpet).
- Good school system. (x2)
- Outdoor attractions – big parks, hiking, horses.
- Business growth.
- Zoo
- Close community.
- Family environment.
- Books!
- Lake
- More job opportunities.
- More lively (like Chattanooga).
- Housing – different settings; city vs. rural areas.
- Attractions of bigger cities – more activities (zoo, theme parks, etc.), night life (movies).

Q. 4 – What would you do if you were Mayor of Dalton for a day?
- Build a theme park.
- Create more attractions for post-college people.
- Go Green.
- Health issues.
- Better downtown.
- Make a big pool.
- Evaluate school system.
- Evaluate fast-food and add more.
- Get rid of old, out-of-use buildings and add more useful ones.
- Evaluate business and go Green.
- Make Teen Life possible.
- Fix downtown: stores stay open later, movies in “Wink”, good bloc parties, better advertising for activities
- Work/unemployment assistance
Dalton Visioning Project
Small Group Responses
Northwest Whitfield High School (AP American History)
May 6, 2010

Q. 1 – What do you like about Dalton/Whitfield County?
- Walnut Avenue restaurants
- Harmon Field (x2)
- Parks
- Newly built movie theater
- Bowling alley
- Vann house
- Sports activities
- Historic background
- Restaurants

Q. 2 – What things would you like to see in Dalton?
- More attractive buildings
- New (bigger, better) mall
- Social places
- Maintain Harmon field
- Target/Dunkin Donuts
- Put more importance on ALL sports
- More restaurants
- More stores
- More community activities
- Closer colleges/universities

Q. 3 – What would make you stay here as a young adult or move back here?
- Job opportunities
- Green city
- More music related work
- Different blue-collar jobs (other than carpet)
- More connected with other cities
- Better gym facilities
- Bigger mall
- Dalton becoming a major city
- Subway to Atlanta and Chattanooga
- An arena (like the dome)
- Better hospitals
- airport

Q. 4 – What would you do if you were Mayor of Dalton for a day?
- Support of Hammurabi codes
- Electric chair
- Separate school from personal non-school related privileges
- Build factory to make cars that don't use gas
- Bigger soccer fields at the recreation center
- A Varsity