

# Town of Hillcrest Heights

## EAR Public Workshop Major Issues Survey

The following is a summary of the issues that were expressed by the Town of Hillcrest Heights at their Town Council Meeting on Feb 11, 2008. Some of these issues will be considered when preparing the Town's Evaluation and Appraisal Report. Many of the issues presented may not be considered as major growth-related issues, but are of equal importance to share with the Town.

### Transportation

Do you have any concerns with the highways, streets, sidewalks, trails or streetlights in the Town?

- ✓ As development occurs to the south, residents are concerned about increased and congested traffic on State Road 17/Scenic Highway.
- ✓ There is a need for sidewalks, especially for the streets that lead to the schools (State Road 17 and Pine Street).

Are you satisfied with the public transportation in your Town?

- ✓ There is a need for higher frequency on W.H.A.T. bus routes.

### Housing

Are there any housing issues in the Town that are a concern to you?

- ✓ The Town would like to have more housing for the elderly who are no longer able to stay in their homes. Hillcrest Lodge will be a good option for an Assisted Living Facility.
- ✓ The Town prefers single-family homes as the main residential use.

### Infrastructure

Do you have any concerns with the Town's water system and/or the sewer system? Do you have any issues with stormwater drainage or flooding?

- ✓ The drainage is excellent, but there is some flooding on lakeside.

### Conservation

What concerns do you have with the protection of natural resources (including lakes, rivers, wildlife, habitat, and wetlands)?

- ✓ Hillcrest Heights residents have private access to the beach and boat ramp on Crooked Lake. The Town wants to protect Crooked Lake waters and the surrounding natural habitat.
- ✓ The water level of Crooked Lake is a concern.

## Recreation and Open Space

Are the parks and recreation facilities adequate?

- ✓ Hillcrest Heights residents have private access to beach and boat launch on Crooked Lake. Some were concerned about neighboring Babson Park residents' access to the Lake.

## Future Land Use

Do you have any concerns about the future land uses planned for your Town? Do you have any issues with the Town's zoning and development regulations? If so, please explain.

- ✓ There are some residents who want to annex more property to grow, and other residents want to annex property in order to create protected areas to preserve the visual environment.
- ✓ The County is doing a SAP for Babson Park. Babson Park is involved in a visioning effort & considering annexation or incorporation.

## Additional Comments

Are there any historic or cultural resources in the Town you would like to see preserved? Please identify and list the location of these resources.

- ✓ The Town would like to preserve and protect historic sites like Roadside Pillars, Hillcrest Lodge, and the Felt House.

What do you like best about your community?

- ✓ The Town of Hillcrest Heights is a quiet, small, friendly place that offers a safe and comfortable environment.

State Issues/Requirements

- ✓ Water Supply Facilities Plan and Water, Wastewater Element
- ✓ Public School Coordination (Interlocal Agreement and Public School Facilities Element)