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Comprehensive Plans in the past have been treated as someone else's concerns. They have received little attention outside of those charged with preparing them and a few people's curiosity about the subject.

Times have changed. Comprehensive plans and the ordinances that emanate from them are a "BIG DEAL". You need to attend one or more of the public input sessions. The dates, places and times are found in other places in this paper and at [WWW.FOLCVA.ORG](http://WWW.FOLCVA.ORG)

Why take your time to go to these sessions? "They'll do what they want anyway." "Nobody listens to what my concerns and needs are." Many other similar statements are heard around the county. They are all self - fulfilling statements. They just require you to do nothing and they will come true.

This county and its people are too important to be trampled on by our neglect. Each of us owes it to ourselves, our families and each other to get involved now in these sessions and the whole process. It does not matter how much money you have or don't have; where you were born; race, creed or gender; your needs and opinions are equally important and need to be expressed so everyone has a chance to work with them. Some are better speakers it is true, but you should be heard and your thoughts and desires listened to. Write some ideas down now and bring them with you to give the people that are running the sessions.

We love this county and that is why we are here. The county is changing. Let's work together to control that change so we ALL benefit and will still recognize and love it, in the future.

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