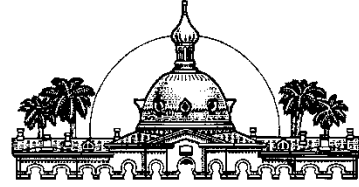


**5-Year Consolidated Plan – Public Meeting #6**

Dover/Seffner/Mango Area  
Cooperative Extension  
5339 S. County Rd 579, Seffner, FL  
February 28, 2011  
6:00 PM



**Summary:**

**Dover/Seffner/Mango Area**

Hillsborough County is in the process of developing a Five Year Consolidated Plan FY 2011-2016 to create a strategic and unified vision for HUD funding over the next five years. In order to arrive at this vision Hillsborough County is conducting a series of public workshops to allow for public input and comments related to the Five Year Plan.

On February 28, 2011 the County conducted the sixth of six workshops which was located in the Dover/Seffner/Mango Area at the Cooperative Extension at 5339 S. County Road 579.

In an effort to provide an environment that would allow for all attendees to be heard a two tier approach was conducted. The first was in the form of a fill-able survey. The second was through an open discussion where citizens were asked to discuss issues and concerns publicly.

**Community Survey**

The survey allowed for attendees to rank eligible activities from 0 “no need” to 5 “highest need.” Activities were divided in to six categories including: Public Facilities and Improvements, Public Services, Housing Rehabilitation, Other CDBG Activities, Economic Development Activities, and Homeless Services. The surveys also addressed public opinions and information for housing and other statistical information.

Survey Results

Through the course of this sixth public workshop there were a total of 8 respondents to the Community Survey. Their results produced *category* ranking scores between 3.1 and 3.7. Out of the six *categories* the public responded that activities in Economic Development Activities had the strongest need with an average overall score of 3.7 out of 5. The Lowest averaged ranked *category* was Public Facilities and Improvements and Housing Rehabilitation at 3.1 out of 5. The highest average ranked *activity* was Homeless Services for Youth, Loans/Grants for Business Development Activities, Residential Energy Efficiency Improvements, and Parks, Recreational Facilities at 4.1. The lowest average ranked *activity* was Facilities for AIDS Patients with a rank of 2.0.

**Details in each category are as follows:**

- Public Facilities – Average 3.1

| Highest Ranking Activity(s)       | Average Ranking |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Parks and Recreational Facilities | 4.1             |
| Sidewalks                         | 4.0             |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s)   | Average Ranking |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Facilities for AIDS Patients | 2.0             |

- Public Services – Average 3.2

| Highest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Ranking |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Youth Services              | 4.0             |
| Transportation Services     | 4.0             |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s)   | Average Ranking |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Homeless Facilities/Services | 2.3             |

- Housing Rehabilitation – 3.1

| Highest Ranking Activity(s)               | Average Rank |
|---|--------------|
| Residential Energy Efficient Improvements | 4.1          |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Rank |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Multi-Family Housing Rehab | 2.6          |

- Other CDBG Activities – Average 3.3

| Highest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Rank |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Code Enforcement            | 3.8          |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s)           | Average Rank |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Tenant Based Rental Assistance       | 2.7          |
| Construction of Multi-Family Housing | 2.7          |

- Economic Development Activities – Average 3.7

| Highest Ranking Activity(s)                      | Average Rank |
|--|--------------|
| Loans/Grants for Business Development Activities | 4.1          |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s)             | Average Rank |
|--|--------------|
| Streetscaping for Commercial Districts | 3.5          |

- Homeless Services – Average 4.4

| Highest Ranking Activity(s)       | Average Rank |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Veterans                          | 4.5          |
| Youth (under the age of 18)       | 4.1          |
| Homeless Individuals and Families | 4.0          |

| Lowest Ranking Activity(s) | Average Rank |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Persons with HIV/AIDS      | 2.7          |

Source: Hillsborough County Affordable Housing Department: Community Survey February 2011

### Housing

Of the residents surveyed, the majority (7 of 8) responded that rental housing is more affordable than home ownership within Hillsborough County. Also, when purchasing a home, 4 surveys showed that a family of four making \$54,000 annually, prior to taxes, could afford to pay “less than \$125,000” for a home and 3 respondents believe \$125,000-\$185,000 is affordable. (1 responded “Don’t Know”). Respondents were split on their idea of affordable rent. Three respondents believe \$650-\$850 to be an affordable rent per month and three believe \$850-\$1,200 is affordable. One respondent entered “Don’t Know” and one answered that “Less Than \$650 is affordable for a monthly rent.

### *Respondent Information*

There were 8 respondents (4 male and 4 female). These respondents came from six different zip codes; 33510, 33601, 33584, 33592, 33511, 33610. These residents have lived in Hillsborough County between 3 and 30 years, with an average of 13.6 years. Of the respondents 4 were White, 2 Black/African American, 1 was Native American and 1 was Hispanic/Latino. Ages ranged from 1 person from 26 to 35 and 4 people who were between 51 and 61. Income ranges differed significantly, with one respondent who earns “Under \$20,000”, two who earn “\$20,000 to \$34,999”, one who earns “\$35,000 to 49,000”, and two at “\$100,000 or more”. The majority of respondents’ (5 of 8) replied that they are “Not Familiar at All” with Community Development Programs. Two are “Somewhat Familiar” and one respondent is “Very Familiar”.

### **Open Discussion**

During the open discussion citizens were asked to speak their mind on issues and concerns affecting their respective community. Through this process many residents spoke out. A number of issues were brought to the Project Teams attention. Listed below are issues that were discussed during the open discussion:

#### **Community Needs**

- Public Facilities
  - East Lake/Orient Park
    - Stormwater, drainage
    - Heavy rain, flooding, pollution
    - No treatment or holding before entering lake
    - Inadequate retention
  - Beautification projects
    - Façade improvement grants
    - Town Center or “Public Space”
  - Transportation
    - Connectivity
      - North of S.R. 60
      - East Lake/Orient Park – Lakewood, Woodberry
    - Road resurfacing/turn lane improvements
      - Williams
      - MLK toward Lakewood
  - Street-lighting
    - Kingsway
    - Parsons
    - Old Hillsborough
  - Fire stations
- Public Services
  - Youth services
    - Affordable/accessible
    - Teen programs
    - Community garden
      - Service program; job/skill training for teens; food for homeless (community-wide initiative)
  - Job/skill training
    - Youth – college credit; high school AP classes
    - Senior/elderly

- Job sharing – parents switch days or weeks on/off so that one parent can take care of children
    - Programs to address crime/safety
  - Homelessness
    - Past attempts to rezone for “tent city”
    - Concern about exclusion of homeless service providers
    - Homeless services
      - Rapid re-housing
      - Homeless prevention/job training
      - Emergency shelters
      - Outreach – women w/children; veterans; mentally ill
      - Case managers
    - Homeless migration issue
      - Distinguish between local and non-local homeless population
  - Housing
    - Concern about lowered property values and neighborhood value
      - Zoning/land-use incompatibility
      - Need for community improvements such as parks, trails, etc. to increase value of neighborhoods
        - E.g. Fish Hawk development
    - Info about foreclosure prevention; homeowner counseling

## Conclusion

Although there are many categories that citizens of the Dover/Seffner/Mango Area feel are important. There are a few items that were stressed throughout the meeting as being of the highest priority:

- Homeless Services and Facilities
  - Veterans
  - Youth (under the age of 18)
  - Families
- Drainage Improvements (Mainly in East Lake/Orient Park)
- Job Training/Employment
- Sidewalks
- Youth Services and Recreation for Youth
- Business Development Activities
- Code Enforcement
- Neighborhood Parks and Recreational Facilities

For questions regarding the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, please contact Karen Collins at 813.274.6605 or [collinsk@hillsboroughcounty.org](mailto:collinsk@hillsboroughcounty.org).

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[www.hillsboroughcounty.org/affordablehousingoffice/5yearplan.cfm](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/affordablehousingoffice/5yearplan.cfm)