

# Appendix A

**Growth Management Survey, Alabama County Commissioners**  
**Center for Governmental Services**  
**Auburn University**  
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**1. Is growth management an important issue to your County? (Check one)**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very important     | <input type="checkbox"/> Marginal importance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Important          | <input type="checkbox"/> Unimportant         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important | <input type="checkbox"/> Insignificant       |

**2. Is growth management currently an important issue for the Commission? (Check one)**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very Important     | <input type="checkbox"/> Marginal Importance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Important          | <input type="checkbox"/> Unimportant         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Insignificant       |

**3. Which of the following growth issues are important in your county? (Circle one number for each issue)**

	<b>1=Very important</b>	<b>2=Important</b>	<b>3=Somewhat important</b>	<b>4=Marginal importance</b>	<b>5=Unimportant</b>	<b>6=Insignificant</b>
a. Traffic congestion	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Cost of road widening and expansion	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Cost of water/sewer extensions	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Speed and quality of fire protection and law enforcement	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Crowded schools	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Proliferation of manufactured homes	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. Problems resulting from excessive mixed and conflicting development	1	2	3	4	5	6
h. Problem is not enough growth	1	2	3	4	5	6
i. Shoddy building practices	1	2	3	4	5	6
j. Preservation of farmland	1	2	3	4	5	6
k. Environmental protection	1	2	3	4	5	6
l. Conflict over land use	1	2	3	4	5	6
m. Public cost of expanding or maintaining infrastructure	1	2	3	4	5	6
n. Higher crime rates	1	2	3	4	5	6

**4. Which of the following growth management tools may be useful to help the County deal more effectively with growth issues? (Circle one number for each tool)**

	<b>1=Very useful</b>		<b>3=Somewhat useful</b>		<b>5=More damaging than helpful</b>		
	<b>2=Useful</b>		<b>4=Not useful</b>		<b>6=Don't know</b>		
a. Comprehensive plan	1	2	3	4	5	6	
b. Zoning (new or revised)	1	2	3	4	5	6	
c. Planning commission	1	2	3	4	5	6	
d. Stricter building codes and enforcement	1	2	3	4	5	6	
e. Annualized property appraisal	1	2	3	4	5	6	
f. Impact fees	1	2	3	4	5	6	
g. Stricter setback regulations and stricter property use controls	1	2	3	4	5	6	
h. More realistic definition of "current use"	1	2	3	4	5	6	

**5. Which growth management tools would likely be supported by your Commission? (Circle one number for each tool)**

	<b>1=Very supportive</b>		<b>3=Somewhat opposed</b>		<b>5=Not sure</b>
	<b>2=Somewhat supportive</b>		<b>4=Strongly opposed</b>		
a. Comprehensive plan	1	2	3	4	5
b. Zoning (new or revised)	1	2	3	4	5
c. Planning commission	1	2	3	4	5
d. Stricter building codes and enforcement	1	2	3	4	5
e. Annualized property appraisal	1	2	3	4	5
f. Impact fees	1	2	3	4	5
g. Stricter setback regulations and stricter property use controls	1	2	3	4	5
h. More realistic definition of "current use"	1	2	3	4	5

**6. How important are each of the following possible positive outcome from growth to your community? (Circle one number for each issue)**

	<b>1=Very important</b>		<b>3=Somewhat important</b>		<b>5=Unimportant</b>	
	<b>2=Important</b>		<b>4=Marginal importance</b>		<b>6=Insignificant</b>	
a. Improved local job market	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Generally good for the local economy	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Adds diversity to the community	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Increases local property values	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Brings more business to the community	1	2	3	4	5	6

**7. To what degree are people in the County divided about how growth management issues should be dealt with? (Check one)**

- |                          |                 |                          |                 |                          |            |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sharply Divided | <input type="checkbox"/> | Somewhat United | <input type="checkbox"/> | Don't Know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Divided         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Very United     |                          |            |

**8. Is the Commission divided about how the County should deal with growth management issues? (Check one)**

- Sharply Divided                       Somewhat United                       Don't Know  
 Divided                                       Very United

**9. To what extent are the following groups involved in growth management issues in your county? (Check one box for each group)**

	<b>Very Involved</b>	<b>Somewhat Involved</b>	<b>Not Very Involved</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
County commissioners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
County constitutional officers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neighborhood associations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chamber of commerce	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small businesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developers and builders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rural land owners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Older residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Young families	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Long-term residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**10. How would each of the following groups react to more county government involvement with growth management? (Circle one number for each group)**

- 1=Very supportive**                      **3=Somewhat opposed**                      **5=Not at all involved**  
**2=Somewhat supportive**                      **4=Strongly opposed**                      **6=Mixed point of view**

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Long-term residents	1	2	3	4	5	6
New residents	1	2	3	4	5	6

**11. Given the situation in your county and in the cities in your county, is it likely that the towns and county will be able to work together on a common growth management policy? (Check one)**

- Definitely Yes                       Probably Not                       Don't Know  
 Probably Yes                       Definitely Not

