

Most Important Issue Facing Cary

An open-ended question asked respondents what they feel is the most important issue facing the Town of Cary. The responses show that problems related to growth were perceived as the key issue (Appendix H). This is evident in the number of remarks concerning growth and growth-related issues this year (215 comments). In addition, there were three other major issues this year. These were traffic/improving roads (68 comments), water concerns (62 comments) and schools (60 comments). The major problems mentioned with schools focused on the reassignments and overcrowding. These four were by a wide margin the most important issues mentioned by the respondents. However, it was growth that was the predominate concern.

The respondents mentioned other important issues to a lesser degree including improving the infrastructure (11 comments), taxes (8 comments), construction (7 comments), crime/safety (7 comments), and improving planning (7 comments).

For a comparison basis, the most important issues in 2006 were growth (178 comments), traffic/improving roads (77 comments), schools (63 comments), water (14 comments), and public transportation (10 comments). Overall, growth continues to be the most important issue and has actually grown in importance this year as the number of comments increased significantly. Traffic/improving roads and schools continue to be major issues again this year while water has grown in importance.