

TOWN of CARY

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Appendix F

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If you could act as the Mayor, Town Manager, and Town Council all rolled into one, what one action would you take to improve Cary?

- Better school systems
- Slow down growth
- Safelight intersection borders on a scam; it's an okay program but it should be more reasonable; I went through the light when it was yellow and then it turned red when I was in the middle of the intersection; it took the picture and gave me a \$50 ticket for going through the intersection while the light was getting ready to turn red; I got a ticket for being in the intersection for .03 of a second while the light was red; the system should work differently; you should not get a ticket unless you pullout on a red light; also they should not have the ticket come from Arizona and be paid to Ohio; it should be in North Carolina.
- Improve traffic; control speeding; safety of the pedestrians and bicyclists
- Create personality throughout Cary; better community involvement
- Increase to four lanes because of the amount of traffic
- More roads for less traffic jams
- Less development and more quality
- Would change trash pickup back to the way it use to be (come up to the house to pick it up)
- Stop zoning changes
- Improve traffic
- Lower taxes
- Slow down growth until schools can meet growth
- Focus on one construction activity at a time; too much going on at once
- Limit growth
- Slow down growth
- Have own school system so schools are not so packed
- Have a plan to manage growth
- Making C-Tran easier to get on
- Limit growth; we're building up too much
- Control growth to help with the schools
- Downtown improvement; build up more family friendly activities
- Slow growth down
- Slow down building; manage what we already have
- Improve traffic
- Control aggressive driving
- I don't understand the structure of Cary; haven't lived here long enough
- Stop building apartments
- Slow growth; need more balance; more growth equals more violence, drugs, gangs, schools, etc.
- Control traffic congestion
- Remove some traffic lights
- Too many strip malls and grocery stores
- More entertainment for teens instead of having to go to Raleigh
- Limit rate of growth or make developers improve infrastructure
- Slow down growth; make sure builders pay their share
- Coming down Chatham Street next to Ashworth Drive (if coming from downtown), only turn at the light because it backs up traffic
- Slow development
- Work on water restrictions; construction; slow down some of the growth
- Stop letting so many people in
- Slow down the rapid growth
- Public awareness of what is going on
- Have a plan for growth
- Pay Cary bills online and have the payment post immediately
- Improve park quality-city appearance; limit growth
- Get a better handle on crime

- Construction appearances; they start and take over a year to finish
- Preserve old downtown; schools
- Stop spending money on stupid things
- Keep growth under control; there's no cap on growth
- Decrease development; improve transit
- Provide transportation to every street
- Control traffic
- Improve roads and traffic
- More officers; transportation
- Have developers do what they say; not so many changes
- Less development
- Slow growth
- Budget
- Improve roads
- Patch potholes; improve traffic pattern
- Start a Cary school system
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- Maintain cleanliness; improve school systems
- Decrease crime rate
- It's a great place; improve streets
- Develop fees because the developers rule the town
- Doing a great job
- Manage growth and roads
- Traffic light coordination
- Work on traffic concerns
- I would change a lot of things such as funding; teens are out at odd hours of the night getting into trouble
- Hold meetings every three months
- Public schools number one priority
- Make transit service better
- Schools so that students are not over crowded and can learn better
- Have Wimax available
- Add art and swimming centers
- Balance the budget
- Creating activities for families
- Better housing; higher quality houses; sidewalks in residential areas; need much higher standards when working on homes
- Consolidate retail areas
- Roads and schools
- Rezoning issues for education
- Improve parks and recreation department
- Have developers pay for more schools, don't cut trees down; school choice program
- Bringing to the public the events with times and directions and transportation (e.g., bands)
- Improve traffic
- Traffic control
- Renovation downtown Cary (residential)
- Develop old Cary elementary school into library; affordable housing
- Develop transportation
- Construction; dealing with water problems
- Keep historical buildings not art district; cleanup Chatham Street
- Growth industry
- Build more highways; deal with the traffic problems; build more schools
- Take down some of the traffic lights; they could be timed better
- Underground transit system; too many traffic jams after work
- Crowding in schools
- Land control; the trees stop noise
- Reinstate growth restrictions; make developers pay for growth
- Slow down builders
- Limit the growth; my mail always goes to Woodwind instead of Woodland; look into the mail problems
- More stop lights
- Synchronize stop lights
- Emphasize money toward revitalizing downtown
- Infrastructure
- Build bigger schools
- Synchronize stop lights
- Add aquatic center
- Improve traffic flow
- Developers to kick in more money for the town
- Allow people to have a choice in annexation; I had to pay a \$13,000 "development fee" to be annexed when I didn't want to be
- Road structure; traffic flow
- Newcomers are not assimilated into the town; more activities for seniors
- Solve water problems

- Stop growth
- Have medium income housing
- Cut back on annexing
- Stop growth; traffic is awful
- Stop growth
- Build more schools
- Institute water recycling
- Maintain streets for traffic
- Have own school district
- Control growth
- Limit growth
- Manage growth; plan for roads and overcrowding of schools
- Growth management
- Making sure road maintenance would support traffic; keep from getting too big too fast
- Require developers to pay for schools
- Control growth
- Have a town school
- Remove speed humps and remove the smaller garbage cans
- Push for more schools in Cary
- Work on growth
- Budget
- Close the border
- Responsible growth plan; growth to accommodate the people
- Need to have own town school systems to support the residents
- Roads management
- Stop building so much
- Spend more time on schools
- Plan properly growth of business; keep same kind of buildings beside each other
- Widening of roads
- Building too much; too many vacant spaces
- Lower property taxes
- Increase the width of roads
- Slow growth
- Let parents decide where children go to school
- Better road systems; increase efficiency of roads
- Improve road systems
- Moratorium on growth
- More bike trails; traffic law enforcement
- More open communication for long term objectives for Cary
- Get roads ready before building things; the roads cannot accommodate the traffic to the areas
- Try to improve the traffic flow; roads to accommodate the traffic
- No more development until growth can be handled
- Slow down growth
- Education
- Improve the overcrowding of schools
- Keep more greenery
- Neighborhood watches
- Lower the cost of living
- Make newer residential zones
- More affordable housing
- Widen the roads; widen Kildaire to four lanes
- Increase programming for teens; revamp animal control laws
- Raise builder fees
- Find funding to fix traffic congestion
- School zoning
- Solution to schools
- Extend recycling
- Reassignment of schools
- More impact fees on developments
- After school activities
- Traffic problem; growth; construction
- Control growth
- Public transportation
- Improve homeowner's association
- Allow for more diversity in subdivision code
- Overcrowding of schools
- Improve city water
- Work with federal government for a commuter rail service
- Long-term program of water and sewage
- Build more schools

- Designing of streets
- Stop teenagers from speeding
- Allowing citizens voice to be heard over developments; developments are not keeping up with water barriers
- Slow traffic down
- Reevaluate zoning
- Have a control developments
- Traffic congestion
- Need new post office or a larger one; water shortages; curtail traffic
- Limit development
- More greenways; alternate transportations
- Accelerate plan for road development
- Widen roads (Kildaire Farms)
- Remove electric boxes (clean-up)
- Different restaurants available
- Increase public transportation
- Make developers pay more
- Clean up the area; don't have a turn light – just be able to turn on green in left lane; the wait is too long in the early morning
- Build more schools
- Stricter development regulations
- Build more schools
- Increase police patrol
- Try to keep Cary a town
- Smaller class sizes in school
- Traffic; stop lights need to be fixed because they change too quickly
- Slow down growth
- Stop building the area up so much
- Traffic
- Put restrictions on developments because of water problems
- Make Cary normal so that people know where things are like Wendy's, KFC, and other restaurants and businesses; let them put signs up
- Insure property developers
- Improve downtown area
- Growth; quality of life; traffic; schools
- Construction projects are a mess and take too long to finish; should focus on one project at a time to get them done faster
- Schools over crowded
- More downtown area activities
- Better planning for Cary
- Water; roads; buses – need more public transportation
- Slow growth down so we can improve what we already have
- Stop building houses and stores
- Stop growth
- Schools need improving; continue with progress on cycling facilities
- More trees and nature resources, stop cutting down all the trees
- Slow new developments and fix older developments
- Address issues that are becoming more and more serious – construction, growth, older part of Cary is the worse
- Make the greenways go somewhere (i.e., stores)
- Equal enforcement of speeds; speed should be enforced the same throughout all of Cary not just on smaller streets; interstates are ignored
- Limit population; enforcing speed
- Slow down growth; the town is not keeping up with it
- More libraries – books on videos and audio; schools and roads are overcrowded
- Maintain the quality of life that presently exists in Cary
- Traffic; take care of the older parts of Cary, not downtown
- Roadways and growth need to be kept up to speed with each other; improve the flow of traffic; fiber optic scheduling lights
- Slow down development; traffic
- Make sure kids attend the schools closest to them
- Cary Police tear down yard sale signs and they need to stop
- Try to budget for growth
- Slow growth; improve schools; Cary library is too dark – more outside lights, feels unsafe; more respect and upkeep of older neighborhoods
- Limit growth to help match schooling and the building up of areas
- Change the image of Cary so people don't think of Cary as a rich area with more expensive things than anywhere else
- Road improvements
- Traffic lights need to be fixed; they change too quickly
- Time stoplights better
- School systems need to be separated into their own areas
- Upgrade roads and streets; schools; traffic; take care of what we already have
- Concentrate more on the growth and traffic other than the color scheme of town
- Road construction; more public transportation is needed
- Improve the old schools
- Schools; roads; water
- School districts
- Have more interaction with teenagers in a positive manner

- Add more street lights and fix shoulders on the road; slow down development
- Mass transit needed
- More neighborhood focused school
- Road conditions; traffic flow
- More teen activities
- Implement for recreational things for teens to do
- Maintaining green space
- Loosen up the requirements on garbage pickups
- Clean up people's yards
- Better streets and traffic flow
- Improve traffic and street design; add lights on the streets or safety lights or reflectors on the lines on the roads
- More schools
- Try to be on top of growth issues a little better
- Less costly activities for families; liven up downtown
- Improve taxes
- Improve school population
- Improve road infrastructure
- Infrastructure
- Improve the cost of living; too expensive here; can't afford to buy a house
- Improve school system
- Synchronize the traffic lights; cell phone restrictions while driving
- Gas is too high; add more restaurants; immigrants – slow down



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