

The most unattractive features (if any) include:

Theme	References
dilapidated buildings	120
empty storefronts	28
public services and infrastructure	26
poverty and unemployment	24
downtown	22
old vs. new residents	20
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leadership and cooperation	17
local residents	16
extractive industries	15
road conditions	13
litter	13
none	12
appearance	11
ski resorts	10
drugs and crime	8
trails	6
pollution	5
ATV's	5
affordable housing	5
bars and breweries	4
hospitality	4
Corridor H	4

Theme	References
government regulations	3
lack of services-businesses	3
brain drain	2
truck traffic	2
landfill	2
inappropriate development	2
hours of operation	1
cost of living	1
promotion of entire county	1
golf courses	1
campgrounds	1
handicap accessibility	1
underappreciated assets	1
courthouse	1
lack of education opportunities	1
lack of wealth	1
distance to amenities	1

- Too much welfare.
- Houses that need fixed or torn down.
- Purple fiddle and all the trash around it.
- Small.
- Unoccupied buildings in down town.
- Run down houses and buildings.
- Run off from mines (everywhere).
- Logging.
- Drugs, laziness, welfare.

- Buildings in disrepair. Young population leaving area. Need development/support for EMS services and police service when needed.
- Large pot holes in streets, many abandoned homes and unkempt grounds.
- Bars, winery, gambling, prostitution, covens.
- Need new water plant. Not much communication to residents in time of disaster (snow storm, floods, etc.) Mayor won't call in the National Guard to remove snow or bring water when we need it due to boil water or main break.
- People who want to change things to be like the place they just left.
- Dilapidated homes, lots.
- Billboards.
- We have a town council that fights over the Harman money like children.
- Run down property and no business ever came back to Parsons after the 85 flood downtown. Still a ghost town with no business. Buildings still standing with mud on windows.
- Old, rundown buildings.
- Litter, drugs.
- Lots of old homes falling down and no one lives in them.
- Litter that people throw out along the back roads.
- The empty buildings where businesses have closed.
- The homes and buildings that are in need of repairs due to not enough money to do repairs.
- Logging.
- Rundown buildings in Thomas and Davis, trash on sides of roads, trails destroyed by ATV's.
- Need to update downtown Parsons.
- The fictitious feeling re personal wealth.
- Main Street.
- The trashy way people leave their property – no pride of ownership.
- Trash, properties not cleaned or torn down.
- Local growth in business and tourist attractions.
- Privately held ski area. The line 13 a dump.
- Association Boards, Timberline Mountain – mismanagement and dangerous chairlifts impacting stagnant growth.
- Gas n Grub building in Canaan Valley and Davis Motel by Shop-N-Save.
- The advent of tourism.
- Property not taken care of or cleaned up.
- Restrictions and regulations by our federal government have eliminated all but one company that provides good employment. Put the residents first!

- Junked up places – houses – etc. Need cleaned up – new sidewalks – Not all money spent on certain groups with only few enjoying.
- Lazy people.
- Empty buildings, businesses closed on times tourists would want to be there (after 5 and weekends). No hospital.
- Street lights and truck traffic.
- Kingsford Charcoal Plant, Stanley River Coal Power Plant.
- Garbage.
- Outsider wanting to change things.
- Bad houses, unkempt.
- Unoccupied buildings – Poorly kept homes-Farms.
- Rundown buildings, empty store fronts, obvious poverty.
- Rundown buildings, ill maintained roadways, haphazardly clean-up of storm damage, argument and backstabbing reports of council and other meetings.
- Rundown buildings and property.
- Old unused buildings, some streets need repairs.
- Strangers being imported in.
- Empty buildings.
- Downtown area.
- No police in Thomas, Davis, Canaan – must rely on Sheriff Department from Parsons.
- Empty buildings, run down homes, unkempt property.
- Unoccupied, rundown buildings.
- Un-walkable areas – poor sidewalks on residential streets. Hard to cross Rt 219 to grocery store at times.
- Purple Fiddle – Drugs in Thomas, will never go back to Thomas.
- Tourists.
- Small town politics.
- Ski areas.
- The fact that most full time residents can't afford to enjoy what is available.
- Landfill.
- River activity.
- Dilapidated houses.
- The definition of yourself as a local native. It means your relatives moved here around 1920 or before. They feel privileged and exclude and discriminate against everyone else.
- Clique culture (small town), gossip driven (no real source of information), poverty and poor housing for working people, sharply divided culturally between people from here and those who have moved here.
- Not enough money to get things done/not enough people to volunteer to support tourism.

- Bicyclists riding at you vs. with traffic on highways.
- Trash and clutter.
- Abandoned buildings in towns.
- BFS – Stores – Bill Boards.
- Several rundown residences – one right on the main strip in St. George and one about ½ mile up Limestone Road.
- Front Street in Parsons.
- The junk on the side of the road going into Hendricks and when you first get into Hendricks.
- Main Street without any business.
- Old houses.
- Empty buildings because people are leaving.
- None.
- Lack of jobs, cinemas, bowling alleys youth centers etc. We once had all these things.
- Dilapidated buildings that are allowed to be an eyesore for years. These need to be condemned and torn down.
- Buildings that are no longer habitable.
- Lack of committees locals to support activities.
- Streets
- Favoritism at town government, selective enforcement of laws, land use constrains on Fed land.
- Narrow road that needs state attention Rt. 72.
- Dilapidated buildings!!! Rundown homes and businesses. Abandoned buildings.
- Naked stinky boaters changing in public. We need changing stalls.
- Tourism.
- Entrance to Parsons (from Elkins) with recycling bins being the first thing you see!
- Poorly trained customer service (1st line).
- Folks on welfare who are perfectly able to work.
- Too many on drugs, no police.
- Houses or businesses that need torn down or just cleaned up, repaired.
- Dilapidated buildings, unregulated use of ATV vehicles – **NOISE**.
- There is a snobiness to people of lower income. Parsons needs a sewer upgrade and skilled **plumbers**.
- Abandoned houses and lots. Gossip by locals vs. “outsiders” .
- Worn out dilapidated structures, truck traffic due to Corridor H.
- High power lines, wind mills.
- Run down, abandoned, unoccupied, unsightly houses.
- Backwardness regarding ecology, sustainability and the role of public lands.
- Run down, falling buildings.

- The windmills all across the ridges and mountain tops.
- Old houses that need to be demolished.
- Herbicide roadways and poorly maintained buildings and facilities.
- Poverty.
- The dilapidated buildings that need to be torn down.
- No medical facility, no industry.
- Clear cutting timber – Windmills.
- No sidewalks.
- Has the potential to be clannish.
- Roads that need improving.
- Old falling down buildings, junk cars, lack of landscaping, broken sidewalks, no zoning.
- Town of Parsons.
- Clean streets and building fronts. – Parsons
- Abandoned properties. – Thomas
- Falling down buildings including the old Davis Hotel and many others. Please put a target on it so lightning will take it out. Our old buildings are so special, but in great need of major repair. Also, acid mine drainage has damaged so many streams, but it might involve a lot of work to get there – not everything needs to be easily accessible. – Canaan Valley
- Low Housing Projects. – Parsons
- Lack of support for public schools. – Canaan Valley
- Old buildings that the city should insist be torn down or burned by fire department for experience. – Thomas
- Abandoned property. – Thomas
- Few medical facilities, poor internet. – Canaan Valley
- Deteriorated buildings and excessive logging and one business (remain nameless) that thinks it is independent of all other businesses and does not make a joint effort to be a community. – Canaan Valley
- Neglected properties, unsightly (trash heaps) yards, sidewalk conditions (lack of financial resources and maintenance repairs. – Davis
- Vacant and derelict properties. – Davis
- The residents. – Davis
- The old hotel coming into Davis! – Canaan Valley
- Many people who complain about issues but do nothing to help reduce, alleviate, or correct issues. – Davis
- Coal mining, logging, and pollution of our waterways. – Davis
- Too many bars, pubs, breweries. – Canaan Valley
- Not many decent restaurants and also low on medical care. – Canaan Valley
- Tourist – Granolas – Tobbin Heads – Thieves. – Canaan Valley

- Strip mines and annoying hipsters. – Davis
- Bad water/sewer, no housing, no infrastructure. – Davis
- Tourists. – Canaan Valley
- Buildings in Davis, Thomas and the valley that are dilapidated and need to be torn down. – Canaan Valley
- Sunsets before windmills. – Thomas
- Broken down stores and houses. Not a lot of activities for kids. – Red Creek
- Old houses that need much work or torn down. Broken down cars, barking dogs all day long. – Thomas
- The idiots living on Front Street in Thomas. – Thomas
- None. – Thomas
- EMTs, fire department, and police. – Parsons
- No businesses. – Parsons
- Windmills, abandoned buildings in need of razing and run-down conditions of homes. – Davis
- 4 wheelers on road. – Davis
- Junk cars. – Parsons
- Some of our rundown buildings – and I despise seeing homes with those awful confederate flags. Way too many of those things. – Hendricks
- Parsons which looks like a ghost town but maybe that will change as tourist dollars and tourists trickle down from Thomas/Davis – Canaan Valley. – Thomas
- Buildings that are decaying and owners will not tear down “eye sore” needing more bike paths between Davis and Thomas. Need somewhere for teens to participate I when weather bad. – Canaan Valley
- Empty unfinished buildings. – Parsons
- Old deserted houses and business buildings. – Parsons
- Empty buildings along First Street. – Parsons
- Old buildings and Front Street in bad condition due to the '85 flood. – Parsons
- People who let their property run down, people who refuse to work together and sit along with each other. – Thomas
- Little to no economic opportunity (again due to overregulation and high business taxes) a rotting infrastructure. – Thomas
- No jobs, too much welfare – they depend too much on grants – free government handouts. – Parsons
- Landfill, Coketon. – Thomas
- Dilapidated structures. – Parsons
- Rundown houses. – Davis
- Rundown house. – Davis
- Need streets. – Thomas

- Local government and unequal representation. – Canaan Valley
- Few opportunities for entertainment for both adults and children. – Parsons
- Old abandoned buildings and houses. – Davis
- Dilapidated buildings, junky cars. – St. George
- Parsons has many rundown buildings and even good buildings that stand empty. – Ledmine
- Poor, uneducated. – Davis
- The deterioration of the recently constructed flood protection. – Parsons
- No pride in appearance of personal property – Very bad! – Parsons
- Dilapidated buildings and store fronts. – Thomas
- The “rail trail” on the other side of the river (Thomas) used to be a beautiful, scenic hiking, biking, ATV trail that has now been demolished and turned into a 10 foot wide gravel path that is useless. – Thomas
- Superior attitude of neo-hippies. – Canaan Valley
- Empty store fronts on First Street. – Parsons
- Lack of concern for residence attractiveness. Trash and old cars on properties. – Parsons
- Rundown buildings, poverty, drug use, vacant unkempt lots, vacant store fronts. – Parsons
- Unoccupied buildings Front Street. – Parsons
- Main streets lacking small shops, art galleries, and businesses to attract the cultural change needed to mirror rest of the county. – Parsons
- Rundown buildings. Old trucks on property. – Parsons
- Timberline Resort is an eyesore. It’s disgusting. – Canaan Valley
- Closed stores – empty – lack of business. – Parsons
- Nothing is unattractive. – Davis
- Our roads/back roads, old dilapidated buildings. – Hendricks
- Poor streets. – Hambleton
- Abandoned buildings and homes. – Parsons
- Vacant buildings on Front Street and downtown, abandoned, dilapidated, houses and buildings. – Parsons
- Downtown Parsons, lack of commercial activity, and building deterioration. – Parsons
- Skiing. – Canaan Valley
- Walking trails. – Parsons
- Poverty. – Hambleton
- Forcing state rules on residents. – St. George
- Swamp land on 93. – St. George
- There are some buildings and old houses that need to be torn down. – Parsons
- None. – Hambleton
- The poverty, the disconnection between locals and transplants. – Thomas

- Rundown places, herbicided roadsides. – Hendricks
- Old falling down buildings. A real eye sore. – Thomas
- Dilapidated buildings. – Davis
- Trash along the highway, trash piles in yards, abandoned housing, vinyl siding on businesses. – St. George
- Timberline ski area facilities. – Canaan Valley
- Slums. – Parsons
- Buildings and homes need upgraded. – Parsons
- Downtown Parsons – It is ugly! – Parsons
- The old buildings that need to be torn down or cleaned up. Vehicles sitting in yards, trash. – Canaan Valley
- Kingsford Charcoal Plant, Dominion's Stoney River Coal Plant. - St. George
- Abandoned buildings etc., unkempt properties. – Davis
- Litter, not respectful of land. – Davis
- Tourism can bring city ideas and impose them on locals. – Davis
- People drink and smoke to reduce stress so we are probably good with the amount of breweries for 500 people. – Thomas
- Bad buildings. – Parsons
- The tourists that are rude – disrespectful of our natural world. – Parsons
- Old rundown buildings/houses. – Hendricks
- Buildings that need to be torn down and removed, facelift for many other buildings I downtown area. – Parsons
- Rundown stores that could be fixed up for local business i.e., coffee shop etc. – Parsons
- So few services, medical etc. - Canaan Valley
- Casino gambling. - St. George
- Empty rundown buildings in downtown. – Parsons
- Rundown buildings or unoccupied buildings that need removed. - Canaan Valley
- ATV and motorcycle racing events which are not sanctioned and create litter and damage the wetlands. – Thomas
- Thomas water treatment plant, old dilapidated motel by the bridge in Davis. – Davis
- None. - St. George
- Most of Thomas, old hotel and gas station in Davis. – Davis
- None. – Hambleton
- Main Street. – Parsons
- The empty storefronts **AND** the lack of information **ANYWHERE** in Parsons of the fun opportunities in Tucker County. – Parsons
- All the **empty** businesses. – Parsons
- Internet. – Canaan Valley
- Redneck, narrow mindedness, dilapidated structures. - Canaan Valley

- Trash that people throw out. - St. George
- Parsons, David and Thomas are in bad need of restoration especially Parsons. – Parsons
- Old rundown homes that have been vacant for years. Streets with businesses that sit empty. - St. George
- Unattractive Main Street, overcrowded town parking, careless disregard of traffic safety and laws in town. – Davis
- Bars. – Hendricks
- Neglected buildings. – Hambleton
- The lack of jobs and income. – Unknown
- Appearance of empty storefronts and unkempt residences. – Parsons
- Front Street in Parsons. – Parsons
- The split between “on the mountain” and “off the mountain”. The split between “locals” and “newcomers”. - Canaan Valley
- Empty buildings, unkempt properties. – Parsons
- Old buildings and houses that need torn down. – Hambleton
- EMT, fire, and police, crime. – Parsons
- Older, poorly kept buildings. – Parsons
- Businesses that don’t take pride in their operations. – Canaan Valley
- We are older and use the access in Hendricks to Thomas. It needs so much attention with overgrown we only use in early spring and late fall. – Hendricks
- Government too restrictive in use of lands. – Canaan Valley
- Rundown buildings or empty buildings that could have businesses in them. – Canaan Valley
- Front Street. – St. George
- Abandoned property that can’t be removed legally. – Canaan Valley
- The appearance of some of the smaller towns. Buildings need to be torn down or cleaned up on main roads. – Canaan Valley
- Lack of good paying jobs. Lack of enthusiasm or drive to improve standard of living for those attempting to make a living here. – Canaan Valley
- Abandoned buildings and houses. – Thomas
- Bad buildings, blight, some yards with trash. – Davis
- Vacant buildings, uncleaned property areas, and rundown living residences. – Parsons
- Purple Fiddle, ski slopes, golf courses. – St. George
- Dirty rundown buildings, homes, lack of open government! – Parsons
- Trailer campsites. – St. George
- Abandoned old houses. – Canaan Valley
- Dilapidated houses in Parsons. – Parsons
- Tourism. – Thomas
- So much land getting bought to build “vacation communities” with. – Davis

- The people. – Canaan Valley
- Businesses that are not ADA accessible. Have no bathroom access to customers with disabilities, no ADA entrances, and no accessible parking so customers can't get into or buy goods and services safely if at all. – Thomas
- Some trashy properties that also need to be torn down. – Thomas
- Cliquishness. – Canaan Valley
- Fear of gentrification. – Thomas
- Abandoned buildings that are also unsightly, following horses on trails – they destroy the earth below their hooves, introduce feces on trails then flies – and carry people who need exercise. More horses or horses where they should not be = one form of junk tourism. – Davis
- Housing market primarily for 2nd home owners limits opportunities to build 1st home. – Canaan Valley
- Front Street in Thomas like the Purple Fiddle. – Thomas
- Undeveloped and/or dilapidated properties. – Canaan Valley
- Low income has made it hard for some to keep their properties in good repair. – Parsons
- Lack of decent paying jobs. - Eglon
- None. (1)
- Rundown/abandoned homes and businesses. – Canaan Valley
- **NATURE**, cleaner streets in Parsons/Hendricks/Hambleton. – Hendricks
- Timberline ski area infrastructure (not the mountain) – Canaan Valley
- Main Street stores – Very little different looking since flooding of '85. 2 stores are being worked on now. – Parsons
- Business/Homes not kept free of debris/trash/vehicles on property. Front street business needed and not vacant store fronts. – Parsons
- Bright lights, ski barn, CVSP. – Canaan Valley
- Drug abuse. – Parsons
- Still some pollution from the mining days especially the acidic rivers. Buildings that are not livable and an eyesore – like old motel across from Shop N Save in Davis. – Davis
- Trashy residents who litter. Dilapidated buildings. – Canaan Valley
- The motel across from Shop N Save. – Davis
- Abandoned buildings, growth of homes and businesses that “don't” fit the landscape and culture. McMansions. The rudeness to tourists of some employees at markets etc. – Canaan Valley
- Clannishness, isolation, lack of diversity. – Canaan Valley
- In some places, old crumbling buildings. Also in some places, metal or other buildings severely detract from historic structures. – Dryfork
- Misunderstandings of each other's cultures. Gossip mill. – Canaan Valley
- Corridor H – Hambleton

- Clear cutting timber. Abandoned property. – Hambleton
- Gas pipelines and wind mills sending power elsewhere. – Davis
- Difficult for young people to have economic opportunities allowing them to stay, the assets of the community not always appreciated or recognized by those within the community. – St. George
- Too many people at times. – Davis
- BFS stores – Worn properties (for decades) like the hotel in Davis in front of the park??? – Davis
- Buildings that are falling down. – Parsons
- Road to Douglas Falls – Houses along road. – Thomas
- Old “abandoned”, neglected buildings. – Thomas
- Poverty. – Parsons
- 4 wheelers. – Unknown
- Noisy mufflers, deliberately roared. Low informal interaction. – Davis
- None. – Parsons
- Empty store fronts. – Parsons
- Timber business. St. George
- The older homes in disrepair. – Hambleton
- Dirt. – Parsons
- Local court house. – Hambleton
- None. – St. George
- Just run down looking areas i.e., entrances to town. For the most part, town has improved tremendously since the '85 flood. Also the invasion of drug use here in recent years. – Parsons
- The landfill. – Canaan Valley
- Old, run down/collapsed buildings in towns. (Parsons, Thomas). – Hambleton
- Tourism. Davis
- People not cleaning up around their house and not taking care of poor ole dogs and cats. – Hambleton
- Property not kept up. Much junk in community. – Hendricks
- Lack of services and businesses. – Parsons
- The downtown – hasn't been built up since the flood. – Parsons
- Empty store fronts and no fun places to shop. – Parsons
- None. – St. George
- FEMA buyout downtown, no new structures. – Parsons
- Run-down and abandoned business. – Davis
- Lack of amenities – like restaurants, shopping. – Canaan Valley
- Trees clear cut – Large areas national forest cut. – Parsons
- Trump yard signs. – Davis

- Empty store fronts. – Parsons
- Littering, lack of acceptance of diversity. – Davis
- Lack of decent jobs, lack of quality education opportunities. – Davis
- Abandoned buildings, sidewalks. – Davis
- Slums of Thomas on Front Street. – Red Creek
- Old rundown houses, trash in yards. – Thomas
- Coal mines, the coal power plant. – Canaan Valley
- Old rundown houses and trash in the yards. – Thomas
- The rundown buildings. – Thomas
- Unsightly falling down structures. – Thomas
- Reason it never came back after '85 flood. – St. George
- A mayor that does nothing to improve the town for its residents. – Davis
- Empty store fronts, buildings and homes in disrepair that need demolished. – Parsons
- Unkempt roads. – Parsons
- Logging, coal mining, Corridor H. – Dryfork
- None. – St. George
- People not cleaning up around community and home. – St. George
- Lack of proper planning and development, lack of combined vision by all businesses. There was once a Davis-Thomas Business Council – No one brings all businesses together regularly! – Thomas
- Old, building falling down. – Canaan Valley
- Not enough public ATV trails open because of government control. – Hendricks
- Too many tourists. – Canaan Valley and Red Creek
- None. – Red Creek
- The abandoned motels and gas stations. – Canaan Valley
- Poor management of Timberline Four Seasons Resort. – Davis
- Close minded, bigoted, racist. Certainly present but a minority of the population. – Davis
- People are backwards. Associations – lack of insight, lack in almost every leadership skill. Real sad – This community could be fabulous!! – Canaan Valley
- Homes and businesses which need upkeep. – Davis
- The new highways to be put in. – Thomas
- Lack of facilities. – Leadmine
- Unacceptance of individual differences by some among us. – Canaan Valley
- There is somewhat of a divide in ideas and opinions between the people who live in Thomas/Davis and those who live outside of the town, who have a more close-minded opinion of the type of people they want to be around. – Thomas
- The lack of wealth/money among the community and the people. – Hambleton
- Since Corridor H completion – there is nothing unattractive. Davis could use some renewal. – Canaan Valley

- People's attitudes. – Hambleton
- The empty businesses on Main Street. – Parsons
- Main Street buildings in need of repair. – Parsons
- Unhealthy population, dilapidated buildings, unused buildings, strip mines, and highway. – Davis
- Poverty, unemployment, low paying jobs, bad attitudes, poor service at restaurants and attractions, dysfunctional ski area management. – Canaan Valley
- Out of state people pushing up taxes. – Davis
- The ragged looking people that have most of the stores on Front Street. – Thomas
- Unmaintained buildings in the middle of Parsons. – Parsons
- Abandoned homes and buildings. – Davis
- Few old buildings on Main Street that need renovation. – Parsons
- Falling down buildings. – Canaan Valley
- Litter. – Red Creek
- The trash people throw out along the highways. – St. George
- Some deserted properties with unattractive buildings. – Canaan Valley
- Lack of opportunity for high school graduates/locals. – Canaan Valley
- Distance to some amenities. – Thomas
- Crummy attitude of people in the service industry/customer service toward outsiders/folks that they don't know well personally; those darn shells of gas stations and dead businesses in Davis/Thomas and Canaan Valley. Those dead businesses have been around too long to the point where homeowners (from tourism) figure those biz owners just don't care about the community at all. – St. George
- Labor skills sometimes pretty backward. – Canaan Valley
- Neglected residences, junk cars. – St. George
- Abandoned vehicles, unkempt properties. – Davis
- Old homes. – Thomas
- Bad buildings, water contaminated from acid mine runoff, lack of housing. – Thomas
- Dilapidated buildings, McDonalds. – Davis
- Empty and abandoned buildings. Junk in yards and along trails. – Thomas
- The inability for our community to work together towards a positive growth. Minimal work force. – Davis
- 1. Divide between old and new residents. 2. Total lack of landscape work in public areas and private residences. - Thomas