

2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY

WHITE COUNTY – CLEVELAND - HELEN

*Want to tell your civic leaders what your community should be like in 20-30 years?
Want to tell them which issues you feel are most important?*

Here's your chance!

White County and its municipalities of Cleveland and Helen are updating their joint Comprehensive Plan that will help guide development and capital projects through 2030 and beyond. Your community can only achieve its vision if it knows what that vision is, so please take part in this process and tell us your vision for the future of your community!

Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey and submit your results to the locations listed below. *All comments will be read and incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan, and all responses will be kept confidential.* Be sure to also check for future announcements about additional meetings and other opportunities to participate.

Please submit all completed surveys to:

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I am submitting comments for: **White County ~ or ~ (list city)** _____
I am a _____ **Resident** **Business Owner** **Student** **Visitor**

1.) I would like my community to try to _____ growth and development:
a) attract a high volume of b) attract some c) limit

2.) New growth and development should be directed toward:
a) in/around cities b) along highway c) expand in _____
(please list location)

3.) Our community's most important asset that should be *preserved* in the future is...

4.) Our community's biggest liability that should be *changed* in the future is...

5.) With respect to respect to **economic development**, our top priorities should be (pick 2):
_____ develop infrastructure
_____ workforce development
_____ attract new commercial businesses
_____ attract new manufacturing and industry
_____ attract any business to downtown areas
_____ attract any business with high paying jobs
_____ other (please list: _____)

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6.) With respect to **housing**, our most important needs are (*pick 2*):

- more affordable housing
- more high-end housing
- more apartments
- more senior housing
- fewer dilapidated houses
- design guidelines for new construction
- change rules to allow for permanent RV living
- change rules to allow for less than 1 acre lots
- other (please list: _____)

7.) With respect to **historic and cultural resources**, our most important issues are (*pick 2*):

- preserving existing historic structures and sites
- design guidelines for new development
- improve bike and pedestrian access
- need for more park space
- need for more/new civic space and/or City Hall
- other (please list: _____)

8.) On a scale of 1 (*Very poor*) to 5 (*Very good*), how do you rate each of the following public services:

- Water
- Sewer
- Police/ Public Safety/ EMS
- Fire Protection
- General government
- Parks and Recreation
- Roads
- Schools
- Other (please list: _____)

9.) Please rank the following issues in terms of priority, with 1 being most important:

- Preserving White County's rural character
- Increasing tourism
- Increasing job opportunities and workforce development
- Preserving the low cost of living
- Preserving the standard of living
- Other (please list: _____)

10.) Highway development is expected to see significant growth and development in the future. Regarding these vital corridors in White County, please rank the following issues in terms of priority, with 1 being most important:

- Managing traffic volumes
- Managing safety
- Attracting more/ new retail
- Attracting more/ new dining
- Attracting any new jobs
- Improving the appearance and character of the county/ cities
- Other (please list: _____)

*Thank you for your time and for caring about your community!
Be sure to participate in the public meetings!*