

**Logan County Regional Planning Commission
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20 Questions for the Future of Logan County

The Logan County Regional Planning Commission is preparing to update the comprehensive long-range development plan for the County and its communities. The plan will set forth goals, objectives and policies for the future growth and development of the region. An essential first step in this process is creating a vision for the future. Please help by sharing your thoughts on some planning issues facing our region. Feel free to answer all the questions or just those in which you have an interest. All responses will be completely confidential.

WHERE ARE WE NOW? (1-7)

1. Has the local quality of life improved, declined, or stayed about the same over the past 5 to 10 years?

Improved

Declined

Stayed about the same

2. Check the three things you like most about where you live.

- New development
- Roads and streets
- Traffic
- Crime rate/safety
- Economy/jobs

- Education/schools
- Environment
- Water service
- Sewer service
- Solid waste service

- Location
- Housing
- Taxes
- Appearance
- Other _____

3. Check three things that you find most undesirable about where you live.

- New development
- Roads and streets
- Traffic
- Crime rate/safety
- Economy/jobs

- Education/schools
- Environment
- Water service
- Sewer service
- Solid waste service

- Location
- Housing
- Taxes
- Appearance
- Other _____

4. Indicate the three most important quality of life issues facing your community or Logan County.

- Not enough development
- Too much development
- Development is too dense
- Development is not dense enough
- Too much retail and industrial

- Poor location
- Loss of farmland/open space
- Economy/jobs
- Roads/transportation
- Other _____

5. Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to your community or Logan County:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Sense of community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall appearance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality child care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ease of car travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ease of walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. In the past 12 months, about how many times have you or a member of your household participated in the following activities in Logan County?

	Never	Seldom	Occasionally	Once per month	More than twice a month
Made use of a public library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participated in a local government sponsored recreation program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visited a public park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attended a City Council/County Board meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Called a city hall or the county courthouse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visited a local government website	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participated in a locally sponsored clean-up activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Used the local recycle facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Rate the quality of each of the following services in your community or the county.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Police services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street lighting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalk maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storm drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solid waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation programs and classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Library services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Code enforcement (weeds, signs, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General appearance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transit service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE? (8-14)

8. Would you like to see more of the following businesses in your community or the county?

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Small-scale retail stores | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Large-scale retail stores | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Gas | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Strip centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Banks | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |

9. Would you like to see more of the following industries in your community or the county?

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Light manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Research & development | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Light industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Heavy industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |

10. Indicate three improvements you would like to see most in your community or the county.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Streetscape improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalk improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial landscape improvements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building facade improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> More parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public common areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Better streets and roads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General appearance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

11. Does your community or Logan County need the following additional housing? Indicate your choice.

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Less expensive housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Single family housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Multi-family housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Subsidized housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Elderly housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |
| Upscale housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Definitely | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat | <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all |

12. The population of Logan County in the year 1990 was 30,798 and in 2000 was 31,183, an increase of 1.25 percent. What population would be desirable for Logan County by the year 2025?

- Remain at about the current level
- Show a modest increase to 32,000-33,000 (3-6%)
- Increase moderately to 33,000-35,000 (6-12%)
- Increase more substantially to 35,000-40,000 (12-28%)
- Increase dramatically to over 40,000

13. Indicate the three most important focus areas for your community or Logan County.

- Downtown revitalization
- Provide more shopping
- Encourage economic development to create jobs and enhance future growth potential
- Emphasize transportation issues—sidewalks, bike lanes/trails, traffic control, etc.
- Concentrate on neighborhood revitalization and beautification—landscape, streetscape amenities, etc.
- Community activity areas such as parks and recreation centers
- Government services—youth protection, neighborhood watches, city services, etc.
- Crime and public safety
- Other _____

14. Ideally what should your community or Logan County be like in the future?

PERSONAL INFORMATION (15-20)

15. What is your age group?

- 20 or under 21-40 41-60 61-80 Over 80

16. Are you: (Check all that apply)

- Municipal resident Rural resident Property owner Business owner/farmer

17. If you are a resident, how many years have you lived in Logan County?

Less than 5

5-10

11-15

Over 16

18. Do you own or rent your residence?

Own

Rent

19. In what type of housing do you reside? Check one.

Single-Family
Home

Apartment/Condo
/Townhouse

Elderly Housing

Other

20. If you are employed, please indicate the city and county of your workplace:

Thank you for your participation. Your responses will help us in planning a future vision for the Logan County region. Your completed questionnaire should be returned to the Logan County Regional Planning Commission at this address:

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