

## 2025 Dearborn County Comprehensive Plan Update - Public Questionnaire

Dearborn County is currently updating its Comprehensive Plan and would like your feedback on the following questions in order to improve this process. Adopted in 2004, the goal of the current Dearborn County Comprehensive Plan is to provide boards with a strategic plan for future development and public improvements in the community. Now, in 2025, it is time to reflect on where we have been; where we are now; and how do we want to grow and how to strive toward our vision of the future.

### Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement

Dearborn County is, and will continue to be, an inviting, growing community with small-County charm and hospitality—home to remarkable rolling hills and scenic views of the Ohio River, and diverse, year-round recreational opportunities—with quick and easy access to the heart of Cincinnati, its international airport, and the tri-state’s unique rail and river transportation systems.

Dearborn County will be recognized as a great place to establish a career, make a home, and enjoy life. We will strive to grow in a well-planned, coordinated manner that ensures a high quality of life for everyone—preserving our rural heritage(s), utilizing our natural resources and agricultural assets wisely, protecting the environment, and promoting economic diversity, innovation, and investment. We will be a safe and healthy community with quality educational systems and a commitment to job creation and business expansion.

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Please tell us things that you would change about the Vision Statement.....

### 2. Please check all that apply to you:

- I live in the unincorporated areas of Dearborn County
- I live in one of the incorporated towns or cities within Dearborn County
- I live in another Indiana County
- I live in Ohio or Kentucky
- I work in Dearborn County unincorporated\* areas
- I work in one of the incorporated towns or cities within Dearborn County
- I work in another Indiana County
- I work in Ohio or Kentucky
- None that apply

\*(Unincorporated areas are those within a County not governed by a city or town)

### 3. How long have you lived in Dearborn County:

- 0 to 1 year
- 1 year to 5 years
- 6 years to 10 years
- 11 years to 20 years
- Over 20 years
- I have lived here all my life, born and raised

#### 4. Check the top five (5) reasons why you live in Dearborn County

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| “Small town” atmosphere    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quality of schools             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Low crime rate             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quality of city services       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Close to friends/relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> | Open space and scenery         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Born or raised here        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Park & recreational facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Affordable housing         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proximity to Cincinnati        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Close to work              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cultural Opportunities         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Close to shopping          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other _____                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

#### 5. Desired growth for Dearborn County

- Need more housing
- Need different housing stock/range of housing options
- More parks and recreation opportunities
- More commercial options for shopping and restaurants
- More industrial / warehouse businesses for job opportunities
- Large corporate commercial businesses for job opportunities
- Community wide/Special events (festivals, etc.)
- Vibrant retail/Diverse local businesses and services
- Walkability of community
- Stable/ affordable housing stock
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 6. Economic Development

Dearborn County continues to proactively pursue (through Redevelopment and OneDearborn) private sector commercial/industrial development/redevelopment opportunities. In your opinion, are MORE of these services/businesses desirable for Dearborn County? (check all that apply)

- Restaurants
- Daycare facilities
- Entertainment establishments
- Tourism or “destination” based events
- Health care services
- New condo/townhome residential development
- Retail stores
- Art/cultural facilities
- Recreational and park facilities
- Office uses
- New single family residential development
- Light industry

#### 7. Dearborn County needs more Housing options (check all that you agree with):

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|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing options for retirees           | Housing options for senior living     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing options for young adults       | Housing options for low income        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing options for young/new families | Affordable Housing for all age groups | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apartments                             | Condominiums                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## 8. Commercial/Business growth in Dearborn County (check all you agree with)

Where do you believe Dearborn County should focus Commercial/Business Growth

- Manchester area along SR 48
- South of St. Leon area along SR 1 and I-74
- Northside of I-74 and Harrison Brookville Road (creating a commercial business center)
- Bright Community area, Stateline Road—Jamison Road—North Dearborn Road
- Dover area along SR 1 at the intersection with North Dearborn Road
- US 50 corridor, between Aurora and the County line with Ripley County
- Don't want any commercial growth, keep it in the incorporated areas
- Would rather live in Dearborn County, and commute outside the County to shop

## 9. Industrial growth in Dearborn County (check all you agree with)

Where do you believe Dearborn County should focus Industrial Growth

- West Harrison area, south side of Harrison Brookville Road and I-74
- St. Leon area, SR 1 and I-74 along SR 46 corridors
- Bright Community area, North Dearborn Road
- US 50 corridor, between Aurora and the County line with Ripley County
- Don't want any industrial growth, keep it in the incorporated areas or Ohio and Kentucky
- Would rather live in Dearborn County, and commute outside the County to work

## 10. Transportation needs

Please rank the priority of the following public improvements, in your opinion:

- Street rehabilitation (widening, new street connections, striping)
- Need more sidewalks
- Additional bike facilities (including bike lanes on streets)
- Add more park and ride areas throughout the County
- Add more greenways and trails for recreational use (including connectivity to parks)
- Access to regional transportation opportunities (Tri-State area)
- Access to community public transportation

## 11. Parks and Recreation

Please check the top five (5) park programming activities most important to you:

- Children summer program (sports fields and courts)
- Movies in the Park
- Farmers Markets
- Senior programs
- Music in the Park (concerts/music events)
- Nature programs
- Arts and Crafts programs
- Dog Parks
- More recreational options (hiking, fitness pods, UTV park, Horseback riding, etc.)
- More playgrounds
- Access to natural water features (kayaking, boating, fishing, etc.)
- Rentable spaces (shelters, halls, camping, etc.)

Please give examples below of park or recreational options you would like to see in Dearborn County Parks:

**12. From the topics discussed, which is Dearborn County's greatest strength?**

- Housing & Residential
- Commercial & Industrial
- Economic Development
- Availability to jobs
- Transportation (roads, access around the county)
- Sidewalks & Trails (walkability, bike routes, etc.)
- Parks & Recreation
- Image & Identity

**13. From the topics discussed, which is Dearborn County's greatest weakness?**

- Housing & Residential
- Commercial & Industrial
- Economic Development
- Availability to jobs
- Transportation (roads, access around the county)
- Sidewalks & Trails (walkability, bike routes, etc.)
- Parks & Recreation
- Image & Identity

**14. Are you overall satisfied with the quality of life in Dearborn County?**

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied

**15. How does the quality of life compare to ten years ago in Dearborn County?**

- Much Better
- Somewhat Better
- About the Same
- Somewhat Worse
- Much Worse

**16. What improvements should Dearborn County make, goals to achieve, or objectives or policies to include for our future?**

**17. We would appreciate any other comments you may have related to the Comprehensive Plan and this update process:**

**18. If you would like to have email updates on the process of the Comprehensive Plan Update, please provide your email below and you will be added to our citizen group list:**

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