

Calhoun County Comprehensive Plan Opinion Survey and Comment Form #1

Your answers to the following questions will help the County staff and planners understand what the community's opinions and priorities are about important planning issues facing the County.

- 1) Calhoun County's population went down by 7 percent between 2010 and 2020. Please respond to the following statement:

Calhoun County should develop a strategy to attract more people to live in the County in the future. (Circle one answer below)

- a) Strongly agree
- b) Somewhat agree
- c) Not sure
- d) Somewhat disagree
- e) Strongly disagree

- 2) Many rural communities have used "ecotourism" to create jobs and attract visitors to the local economy. Ecotourism focuses on conservation, local businesses, and sustainable travel and lifestyles. Examples of ecotourism facilities are regional bicycle trails, canoe and kayak trails, campgrounds, and hiking trails. Please respond to the following statement:

Calhoun County should develop ecotourism facilities as part of a plan to create jobs, grow the local economy, attract new residents, and keep more current residents in the county.

- a) Strongly agree
- b) Somewhat agree
- c) Not sure
- d) Somewhat disagree
- e) Strongly disagree

- 3) Rising housing costs and higher mortgage interest rates have made it difficult for many people to afford to buy a home. Please respond to the following statement:

New neighborhoods and subdivisions that are affordable to more people would be a good thing for Calhoun County.

- a) Strongly agree
- b) Somewhat agree
- c) Not sure
- d) Somewhat disagree
- e) Strongly disagree

- 4) The lack of affordable rental housing can make it hard to recruit new teachers, police officers, paramedics, and other essential workers. Please respond to the following statement:

Calhoun County should support development of new rental housing and apartments near County government offices, schools, and major employers to provide good housing choices for newly-recruited employees.

- a) Strongly agree
- b) Somewhat agree
- c) Not sure
- d) Somewhat disagree
- e) Strongly disagree

- 5) One section of the County's comprehensive plan will focus on "Land Use," and will recommend what types of development should occur and in what parts of the county.

Please pick the statement below that most closely states your opinion about how the county should develop in the future:

- a) Calhoun County residents like the rural lifestyle here, and rural areas of the county should be preserved and protected from suburban development.
- b) New development is important, but it should be well-managed and should be limited to the major highway corridors and currently developed areas.
- c) Growth and new development should be a high priority and the County should encourage desirable new development everywhere.
- d) Government should have very limited control over how people use their land.
- e) None of the above. *Tell us more in the comment section below if you wish.*

6) List the three things you like best about Calhoun County:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

7) List three things that would make Calhoun County a better place to live:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

8) Use the space below to provide any additional comments or suggestions.

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