

Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan Priorities Survey

This survey is designed to give you the opportunity to provide input to the county regarding the scope, content and priorities of Yavapai County’s 2022 Comprehensive Plan update. It is longer than most citizen surveys to allow for coverage of the large number of topics and issues that will be addressed in the Plan. As we go forward with the 2-year process of updating the Comprehensive Plan, you will be given many more opportunities to provide your input.

Responses to this survey are entirely confidential. Only large group results, such as for an unincorporated community, will be used to help craft the updated Plan. No individual results will be reported or used in any way.

Arizona State statutes that require each county in Arizona to develop and update their Comprehensive Plan. It states:

“The comprehensive plan shall be developed so as to conserve the natural resources of the county, to ensure efficient expenditure of public monies and to promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the public.”

Please read each statement below carefully, and mark your response (1-5). Completing the survey should take you between 10 and 15 minutes.

- 1 = Strongly disagree
- 2 = Disagree
- 3 = Neutral or don’t have enough information
- 4 = Agree
- 5 – Strongly agree

	Survey Item	Your Response				
		1	2	3	4	5
	General Statements					
1	Preserving the rural character and way-of-life in our county is important.					
2	The health and safety of citizens and visitors should be a primary concern of Yavapai County staff and elected officials.					
3	Community Plans written by unincorporated communities should be adopted into the Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan.					
4	The Comprehensive Plan should include measurable goals that are monitored and reported on regularly.					
5	All county residents should have access to broadband Internet service.					
	Protecting Our Natural Environment					
6	Ensuring clean air and clean water for future generations and for the health of our natural environment should be a priority.					
7	The planning and approval of new developments should include a careful analysis of the projected impacts on the natural environment.					
8	Incentives should be provided for construction that protects land and conserves water.					
9	The county should plan and implement a comprehensive governmental and public waste reduction and recycling program.					
10	A plan to permanently protect and preserve environmentally sensitive land should be implemented.					
11	Certification as the first “Dark Sky” county in the United States should be sought.					

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12	Off-highway vehicle use should be managed to reduce impact on the land, air quality, wildlife and residents, and to ensure public safety.					
13	A county-wide noise ordinance should be enacted.					
14	Protection of native plant and wildlife species, including habitat and wildlife corridors, should be a priority.					
15	Protection of rivers, springs and streams, including their associated habitats, should be a priority.					
16	A county-wide Climate Action Plan should be developed and implemented.					
	Protecting Our Water					
17	I am concerned about wells going dry throughout the county.					
18	Protecting our surface water and groundwater from being overdrawn and depleted should be a priority.					
19	Surface water and groundwater monitoring should be expanded and the information regularly communicated to the public.					
20	Watershed restoration programs that improve habitat and contribute to an improved water supply should be promoted.					
21	Low water use in new developments should be incentivized.					
22	The impacts from proposed developments on water availability should be assessed and shared with the public during plan review.					
23	To ensure adequate water resources for future generations, programs to conserve and reuse water should be established.					
24	Yavapai County, in partnership with other regional and local governments, should lobby the State of Arizona for more local control over management of our water resources.					
	Using Our Land Wisely					
25	Conserving our working farms and ranches is important for maintaining our regional culture and providing a local food supply.					
26	New residential and commercial developments should reflect the character and sense of place of the surrounding area.					
27	Upper limits should be set for the density of new developments.					
28	Incentives should be made available to developers to include affordable housing in their projects.					
29	Development standards that limit building on hillsides and ridgetops should be established.					
30	Commercial developments should be prohibited on inholdings (privately owned land) that are completely surrounded by public land.					
31	Development standards that limit building near rivers, streams, natural washes and drainage areas should be established.					
32	Archaeological and historical sites should be protected and preserved.					
	The Importance of Open Space					
33	Public land should be protected and conserved.					
34	Places where our children can safely run, play and experience nature should be preserved.					
35	Open space provides recreational opportunities, promotes economic growth and helps protect our natural resources.					
36	Preservation of open space in its natural state is important.					
37	Scenic vistas should be protected and preserved.					
38	Provisions should be made to ensure that developments next to public lands do not unduly increase wildfire risk.					

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39	More regional trail systems for hiking, non-motorized biking, and equestrian use should be developed.					
40	Open space set aside by developers as a condition for approval of their developments should be open to the general public.					
41	New developments should not block traditional access to public land.					
Ensuring Effective and Efficient Transportation						
42	Transportation needs and desires expressed in Community Plans should be considered when the County plans and approves construction of new roads.					
43	Shared-use pathways for non-motorized use (except wheelchairs) should be constructed, separate from roadways, to ensure public safety and encourage alternatives to vehicular traffic.					
44	Incentives should be made available to developers to include provisions in their projects for walking and bicycle riding to shopping and services.					
45	Non-toxic treatments to reduce dust on unpaved roads should be applied where significant dust creates problems for residents, vegetation and wildlife.					
46	Funding for public transportation should be a priority.					
Supplying Clean Energy						
47	The county should set an atmospheric carbon reduction goal, and use that goal in planning decisions.					
48	Increased use of renewable energy will support economic development.					
49	Residential solar power should be encouraged and incentivized.					
50	Commercial solar farms and wind farms should be permitted in areas that do not harm wildlife corridors, streams, wetlands or scenic vistas.					
51	The availability of electric vehicle charging stations should be increased throughout the county.					
52	Building codes should be updated to require greater energy efficiency.					
Covering the Cost of Development						
53	The initial financial impacts to services and infrastructure from new developments should be covered by developers.					
54	Developers and owners should be provided incentives to rehabilitate derelict properties.					
How We Can Grow Wisely						
55	Appropriate constraints on the scale and scope of developments should be established to help preserve our rural way of life.					
56	Adding infill next to already developed land, rather than developing isolated parcels, should be encouraged and incentivized.					
57	Preference should be given to projects that include redevelopment and higher-density development within existing communities.					
Additional Comments						
58	Please use the text box below to let Yavapai County know what you believe are the most important topics/issues that should be addressed in the 2022 Comprehensive Plan update.					