



Jasper County Planning & Building Department

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Re: Jasper County Comprehensive Plan Survey

Dear Citizens and Stakeholders of Jasper County:

Jasper County is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. The intent of the document is to address a wide range of issues pertinent to the future of Jasper County and to develop strategies and goals to implement them over time. You are helping to shape the future of the County and we invite your participation.

A community survey is one of the most powerful tools to gauge the public sentiment regarding important community and planning issues. Moreover, a survey may be the most far-reaching and effective method to engage members of the public that might otherwise not attend workshops and meetings.

A series of survey questions have been developed that cover a variety of growth and development issues in Jasper County and are presented on page 2. The purpose is to solicit feedback from County residents to determine which sections of the Comprehensive plan should be prioritized during the update and how to allocate time and resources to those areas.

A link to the online survey will be made public by a variety of methods, including but not limited to: press releases in local newspapers, County website, neighborhood association distribution lists, civic clubs, churches, libraries and community facilities. As many residents may not have access to computers or internet access, paper copies and collection boxes will be located throughout the community.

As the Comprehensive Plan belongs to the citizens of the county, spreading the word of the opportunity is paramount. Please invite others to take the survey. A link to the Comprehensive Plan Survey can also be found online at www.jaspercountysc.gov/

Thank you for taking the time to complete the 2013 Comprehensive Plan Survey. Your opinion and ideas are important to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LeNolon Edge".

LeNolon Edge, AICP
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Comprehensive Plan Survey Questionnaire

1. How long have you been a resident of Jasper County?
 - a. Less than 3
 - b. 3-9
 - c. 10-24
 - d. 25+
 - e. Not a resident [Please describe your interest in Jasper County: _____]

2. Where do you live (general area)?
 - a. Northeast (Point South, Coosawhatchie)
 - b. North (Pineland, Grays, Tarboro, Gillisonville)
 - c. Ridgeland Area
 - d. Hardeeville Area
 - e. South (Levy, Bellinger Hill)
 - f. Out of Jasper County [Please indicate County of residence: _____]

3. What is your age?
 - a. Under 18
 - b. 18-30
 - c. 31-45
 - d. 46-64
 - e. 65+

4. What is your primary mode of transportation?
 - a. Personal vehicle (car, scooter, motorcycle)
 - b. Public transportation (bus, van)
 - c. Walk
 - d. Bike
 - e. Carpool
 - f. Taxi
 - g. Other (fill in blank) _____

5. Of the following topics, which are the most important? Please rank from 1 to 8, with 1 being the highest and 8 being the lowest. Each number can only be used once. *This question can help to focus efforts to certain sections of the Comprehensive Plan.*
 - a. Preserving and protecting the environment
 - b. Improving schools and libraries
 - c. Providing fire protection and law enforcement
 - d. Preserving historic and cultural resources
 - e. Addressing traffic, improving roads and promoting public transit
 - f. Increasing parks and recreation opportunities.
 - g. Management of growth patterns and development (land use)
 - h. Providing water and sewer to un-served areas



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6. If new residential development were to occur in Jasper County in the future, which type of development would you like to see? Please rank from 1 to 8, with 1 being the highest and 8 being the lowest. Each number can only be used once. *This question will help to guide future land use planning and mapping.*
- __ Single-family homes on large lots
 - __ Single-family homes on smaller lots
 - __ Mixed use buildings (homes on second or third stories over businesses)
 - __ Apartment rentals
 - __ Townhouses or duplexes
 - __ Senior housing
 - __ Modular (prefabricated) homes
 - __ Mobile/ Manufactured homes
7. If new commercial development were to occur in Jasper County in the future, which type of development would you like to see? Please rank from 1 to 8, with 1 being the highest and 8 being the lowest. Each number can only be used once. *This question will help to guide future land use planning and mapping.*
- __ Local stores and other smaller-scale commercial services
 - __ Large/big box retailers (ex: Wal-Mart, Home depot)
 - __ Attraction-type centers (ex: outlet malls)
 - __ Specialty stores (ex: gourmet foods)
 - __ Professional office park
 - __ Medical facilities
 - __ Industrial parks
 - __ Chain food restaurants (ex: Applebee's, Chili's)
8. Please indicate whether you're in agreement or disagreement with the following statements: 4 = strongly agree, 3 = agree, 2 = disagree, 1 = strongly disagree. *This question confirms or reverses past general policies and recommendations of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan.*
- __ Intense development should occur within the City of Hardeeville and the Town of Ridgeland while Jasper County should stay rural
 - __ Affordable housing should be incentivized
 - __ The Jasper County deep-water port should be a high economic priority
 - __ There is too much traffic
 - __ Industrial growth should be a focus
 - __ Public transportation is adequate
 - __ There are not enough parks and public playgrounds
 - __ There should be more sidewalks and pathways
 - __ More should be done to protect our environment and waterways
 - __ Jasper County should attract tourists
 - __ Public water and sewer is adequate
 - __ Development should pay its own way and not burden taxpayers
 - __ More should be done to protect our historic and cultural resources



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9. What are the top two things you like about your community or areas that need to be protected or preserved? (*Please Explain. This question should achieve general feedback, unanticipated by the survey.*)
10. What are the top two things you dislike about your community or areas that need improvement? (Please explain) (*This question will achieve general feedback, possibly unanticipated by the survey.*)