



CANYON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

SMALL CITY QUESTIONNAIRE

*Invitation to Participate-Please return to: Canyon County
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1. What are the top 5 reasons you like about living in this area? (rate 1-5, 1 being the top reason)

- Housing Affordability
- Convenience, easy to get from home, work, school, shopping, other needs
- I work in farming/ranching
- I don't work in farming but prefer living in the country/small town living
- Friendly people, knowing neighbors
- Relaxed rules, slower pace of living, less traffic
- Recreation, the pool, city park, river, hunting, boating, fishing, etc.
- It's a great place to do business
- Schools
- Local History
- Farm Scenery
- Church
- Other (please describe)

2. Which price range of housing do you need?

- \$500 or less a month
- \$500-\$700 a month
- \$700-\$1000 a month
- \$1000-\$1500 a month
- \$1500 -\$2000 a month
- \$2000/mo or more

3. What 3 types of housing would best accommodate the current housing need in your community? (show photos) (select 3)

Apartments

Duplexes – town houses

Studio units, tiny homes, or other small units

Manufactured home park, resident owned community

Mother-in-law quarters on existing properties (apartment above garage, basement unit, second house or accessory dwelling unit)

Residential above commercial in downtown buildings

Homes for large extended families

Senior housing

RV park (as temporary housing)

Farm worker housing

Other

4. Let's say a developer is courting your City and wants to build a 70 lot subdivision. What type of development would you like best? (add example photo's)

Small lot developments with a mixture of housing types (like single family and multi-family)

Large subdivisions with a mixture of housing types

Large subdivisions with a single housing type

Large mixed use development (housing and commercial uses)

Small lots with open space/parks dedication

Housing that is well connected by streets, sidewalks, and pathways

70 lots is too big at one time for this community

5. Buildings over 50 years old (pre 1969), maybe eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Do you think history and historic buildings add an important sense of place to your city?

Yes

No

Not Sure

6. What do you think is the most important step right now to move the economy forward in your town? (Pick the top 3, 1 is most important)

Support businesses already here!

Attract value-added or businesses complimentary to businesses already here (e.g. breweries next to Wilder hops)

Develop a business cluster theme with different businesses catering to it (e.g. Antiques; retail shops selling antiques, furniture refinishers, antique appraiser, etc)

Diversify, develop other industries (professional service, retail, entertainment, tourism etc)

Develop agri-tourism

Improve infrastructure (water, sewer, streets, buildings) to support business

Develop a local volunteer group to help City Council and Economic Development

Workforce Development (attract or educate workers for the industry that is present)

Portray a welcoming image to business

Celebrate and build on existing assets

Other (describe)

7. Which 3 items are most needed to improve downtown's image? (Pick the top 3, 1 is most important)

Get some shade and Color! Landscaping (trees, landscape islands, flower barrels/baskets)

Celebrate culture and history! Public art (murals, or sculptures), walking tour brochure

Where's the...? Wayfinding Signs

It's too dark and feels unsafe? Street lights

I want to sit down! Pedestrian amenities (benches, trash cans, bike racks)

_____ I can't even walk without tripping! Improved sidewalks widths and surfaces

_____ A public gathering space for events, like a pocket park, green space, or plaza

_____ Improve the exterior of vacant buildings

_____ Improve interior of vacant buildings and bring up to code

_____ Improve existing business and attract more businesses

_____ Promotion and celebration of the assets/positives already present

8. What 3 things would most improve the way you get around in your community? (Pick the top 3, 1 is most important)

_____ I can't even walk a couple blocks! (connecting sidewalks)

_____ 4-way stops are slow! (install round-a-bout (remove stop signs))

_____ Tell the cars, this is my lane! (designated bike lanes)

_____ I can't even cross the street to _____? (add a crosswalk)

_____ Cars don't even stop when I try to cross the street! (add a crossing signal)

_____ I want to ride next to the street, but it is too sketchy! (designated bike paths)

_____ I'm always walking on the edge of the road ! (add more sidewalks)

_____ Is there a carpool app? (add rideshare)

_____ People drive too fast through my town! (narrow street, medians, trees, etc)

_____ Other or feel free to tell us where an improvement should go!

9. How do you want to recreate in your community in the future? (Pick the top 3, 1 is most important)

_____ I want places to walk or ride bikes (pathways or connecting sidewalks)

_____ I want to enjoy outdoor natural spaces (fishing, walking, trails, boat ramps/river access, etc)

_____ I want places to play (ballfields, basketball court, picnic shelter, splash pads etc)

_____ I want a place to work-out (weightlifting, dance, yoga, cardio, etc)

_____ I want to join group activities (organized leagues or clubs, events, tournaments, etc.)

_____ Other

10. Which of these rural challenges would you be most thrilled to see addressed in the next 5 years? (Pick the top 3, 1 is most important)

- I can't find a usable building in this town to locate my business
- I can't find a place to live
- Our town could use some TLC, landscaping, fixed up buildings, benches, flowers, public art, nice signs and lights
- There's nothing to do here
- How do we get new or better businesses
- We need parks and places to play
- We have limited meeting space or spaces for the public to gather
- We could capitalize on tourism but aren't sure how
- Daycare
- More transportation options
- Other

11. How do you help out in your community? (check the most applicable)

- I serve on a board/committee of a formal organization
- Volunteer with formal organizations like churches, non-profits, clubs, Chambers, etc
- Volunteer for my children's formal activities (like PTA, 4-H, FFA, Boy/Girl scouts)
- I pitch in on an informal basis
- I would like to volunteer but haven't found something I'm interested in yet
- I don't

12. What else should we know?

