

Shelby County Community Survey – **TOWNSHIP RESIDENT**

After 25 years, Shelby County is updating its Comprehensive Plan! The Comprehensive Plan will serve as a guiding document for future growth and development over the next 10, 15 to 20 years.

The intent of a Comprehensive Plan is to look at where we are now as a community, determine where we want to go, and develop an actionable plan on how to get there. It is a vision for the future.

The Comprehensive Plan update will address the following topics:

- Rural land uses and development, Farmland Preservation and importance of agriculture
- Housing
- Population/Demographics
- Transportation and mobility
- Community facilities and services
- Economic development
- Natural resources, open space and recreation
- Other topics that may be identified through the process

This survey is the start of a planning process expected to last through 2026.

We invite residents, leaders, government officials and community stakeholders to participate in Shelby County's community planning process. We need your help to guide our collective vision, goals, policies and investment priorities.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated!

I reside in:

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| ☐ Clinton Township | ☐ Jackson Township | ☐ Salem Township |
| ☐ Cynthia Township | ☐ Loramie Township | ☐ Turtle Creek Township |
| ☐ Dinsmore Township | ☐ McLean Township | ☐ Van Buren Township |
| ☐ Franklin Township | ☐ Orange Township | ☐ Washington Township |
| ☐ Green Township | ☐ Perry Township | |

* if you reside in the City of Sidney, please use the survey titled – **CITY OF SIDNEY RESIDENT**

** if you reside in a village in Shelby County, please use the survey titled – **VILLAGE RESIDENT**

What is your age?

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| ☐ 18 to 25 | ☐ 26 to 34 | ☐ 35 to 44 |
| ☐ 45 to 59 | ☐ 60 to 74 | ☐ 75 or older |

When considering quality of life, what do you love most about Shelby County (check all that apply)?

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| ☐ Rural Character | ☐ Schools |
| ☐ Healthcare options | ☐ Employment Opportunities |
| ☐ Farming Community/Farmland Preservation | ☐ Safety |
| ☐ Outdoor Recreation | |

Please identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness for Shelby County today (circle either 'Strength' or 'Weakness', if neutral (or no opinion on the matter, you can skip):

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| The quality of life (it is enjoyable to live here) | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| The sense of community and friendly people | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Rural lifestyle | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Low crime rate and feeling of safety | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Proximity to the outdoors and access to recreational areas and opportunities | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Variety of activities and community events. | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Maintenance of public areas and properties | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Historic preservation | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Availability of arts and cultural amenities | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Variety of agricultural industries and other types of industries | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Access to local farm stands, farmers markets and other agricultural amenities | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Easy access to services and urban areas | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Job opportunities for all skill levels | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |
| Access to critical services such as ambulance, fire protection services, schools etc. | STRENGTH | WEAKNESS |

When considering Shelby County's existing transportation networks identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness in the community today.

Ability of highways and local roadways to handle traffic	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Access to regional transportation such as airports	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Condition of highways and local roadways	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Roadway safety	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Trails	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Traffic flow	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Transit options	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS

In your opinion, are there any road segments, outside of the City of Sidney, that experience traffic congestion?

For example: intersections that experience long delays at certain times of the day

When considering the Shelby County's existing community facilities and services, identify if each of the following is currently a strength or weakness.

Schools (K-12)	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Higher Education (Community Colleges, training facilities, other)	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Childcare facilities	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Police/sheriff protection and public safety	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Fire protection and emergency response	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Water and sewer facilities	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Health care and medical services	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Libraries	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Services for senior citizens	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Services for veterans	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Services for youth	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS

When considering the County's existing parks, open space areas, and recreational amenities identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness in the community today.

Neighborhood parks	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Community parks	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Playgrounds	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Sports fields and courts	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Water/river access features	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Recreational programs	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Open space and natural areas	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
ADA accessibility of parks and recreation facilities	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
The community's efforts towards economic	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS

When considering the local economy and job opportunities, what types of businesses, industries and employers are needed in Shelby County? Select all that apply

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| ☐ Commercial centers | ☐ Gas stations |
| ☐ Construction | ☐ Health Services |
| ☐ Warehousing | ☐ Industrial/manufacturing |
| ☐ Restaurants/eateries | ☐ Personal services (salon, law firm, bank) |
| ☐ Retail stores | ☐ Mixed-use (may include residential) |
| ☐ Overnight accommodations, such as B&B's, hotels and camping sites | |
| ☐ Agricultural activities (farms, processing facilities, agri-tourism) | |

In your opinion, what are the major challenges to attracting job creators and industry to Shelby County?

When considering the County's unique natural attractions, quality of life amenities, schools, and other factors, do you agree Shelby County should be marketed as a "destination place" making it appealing for people to visit or move here, creating more jobs, housing and recreational opportunities? SELECT ONE

☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree ☐ Strongly Disagree

Which is Shelby County's greatest strength. SELECT ONE

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| ☐ Quality of life, image and identity | ☐ Housing and residential |
| ☐ Community facilities and services | ☐ Transportation and mobility |
| ☐ Parks, open space and recreation | ☐ Economic development and job growth |

Which is Shelby County's greatest weakness? SELECT ONE

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| ☐ Quality of life, image and identity | ☐ Housing and residential |
| ☐ Community facilities and services | ☐ Transportation and mobility |
| ☐ Parks, open space and recreation | ☐ Economic development and job growth |

When considering existing housing and residential areas in your township, identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness.

Character of residential areas	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Quality of housing	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Range of housing options	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Housing options for retirees	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Housing options for seniors	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Housing that appeals to new families	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
The value and cost of homes	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Availability of housing for lower income earners	STRENGTH	WEAKNESS

Identify barriers to housing development in your township of Shelby County. Select all that apply.

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| ☐ Affordability | ☐ Land availability |
| ☐ Zoning Regulations | ☐ Location |
| ☐ Interest Rates | |

What types of new housing would you like to see in your township? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Single-family homes
- ☐ Garage apartments/Accessory dwelling units
- ☐ Townhomes
- ☐ Duplexes and triplexes
- ☐ Small apartment buildings 4-8 plex/quadplex)
- ☐ Age restricted community / housing

When considering existing community facilities and services in your township), identify if each of the following is currently a strength or a weakness.

Trash removal and recycling services	STRENGTH WEAKNESS
Stormwater drainage	STRENGTH WEAKNESS

When considering rural land use which best describes your personal viewpoint? Please select one from the list below.

- ☐ Don't change anything.
- ☐ Keep it the way it is and only address matters when they arise.
- ☐ Maintain farmland preservation (A-1) as a priority, but open to opportunity (commercial, industrial, etc.) that is in the best interest of my township and the residents of my township.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSES!

RETURN THE COMPLETED SURVEY TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- Shelby County Library – any location
- Senior Center of Sidney-Shelby County, 304 S. West Street, Sidney
- Shelby County Annex, 129 E. Court Street, Sidney, *can be dropped off either*
 - *at the Commissioner's Office, 1st Floor, or*
 - *in the drop box, located on the east side of the building on S. Main Avenue*