Lewis County Planning Commission
Community Survey

Your input matters! Join the update of the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan. Your opinions in this survey will shape decisions on land use, economic development, and more, impacting our community's future. Thank you for your participation! Paper copies may be returned to the Lewis County Judge Executives office at 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179 no later than December 31st, 2025.

* * Your responses are anonymous * *

1. **Do you live in Lewis County?**

   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

2. **In which city or area do you live?**

   ☐ Vanceburg   ☐ Concord   ☐ In Lewis County, but not within incorporated areas

   ☐ Outside Lewis Co

3. **Are you currently working?**

   ☐ Yes – Full Time   ☐ Yes – Part Time   ☐ Yes – Remotely   ☐ I am a Student

   ☐ I am Retired   ☐ I do no work

4. **Where do you currently work?**

   ☐ Bracken County   ☐ Fleming County   ☐ Lewis County

   ☐ Mason County   ☐ Robertson County   ☐ Other

5. **Please provide your current age group**

   ☐ Under 19   ☐ 20 – 29   ☐ 30 – 39   ☐ 40 – 49   ☐ 50 – 59   ☐ 60 & Above

6. **Please provide your race and Hispanic origin**

   ☐ White alone, not Hispanic or Latino   ☐ Hispanic or Latino   ☐ Black or African American

   ☐ Two or more races   ☐ Prefer not to answer   ☐ Other

7. **What is the highest level of education you received?**

    ☐ Some High School   ☐ High school graduate or GED   ☐ Some College

    ☐ Associate's Degree   ☐ Bachelor's Degree   ☐ Master's Degree

    ☐ Professional Degree (JD, MD, PhD)   ☐ Prefer not to answer

8. **In the next five years, do you see you and/or your family moving?**

    ☐ Yes   ☐ No   ☐ Maybe

9. **Please select the type of housing that appeals to you most in the next five years.**

    ☐ Single family home   ☐ Duplex   ☐ Townhouse   ☐ Condominium

    ☐ Mobile home   ☐ Other

10. **Number of Bedrooms? (minimum)**

    _____

11. **Number of Bathrooms? (minimum)**

    _____

12. **Garage? (# of cars)**

    _____

13. **Number of Acres?**

    _____

14. **What is the current maximum range you are willing to pay for a home that fits the majority of your criteria?**

    ☐ Under $100,000   ☐ $100k to $150k   ☐ $150 to $200k   ☐ $200k to $250k

    ☐ $250k to $300k   ☐ $300k to $350k   ☐ $350 to $400k   ☐ $400k to $450k   ☐ Above $500k

15. **How likely are you to purchase or rent your next home in Lewis County?**

☐ Extremely Likely ☐ Somewhat Likely ☐ Neither Likely nor unlikely

16. **When considering existing housing and residential areas, identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness for Lewis County region today.**

Select One option for each	Weakness	Neutral	Strong
Character of Residential Neighborhoods	☐	☐	☐
Quality of Housing	☐	☐	☐
Range of Housing	☐	☐	☐
Housing Options for Retirees	☐	☐	☐
Housing Options for Seniors	☐	☐	☐
Housing that appeals to young professionals	☐	☐	☐
Housing that appeals to new families	☐	☐	☐
The value and cost of homes	☐	☐	☐
Availability of affordable housing	☐	☐	☐

17. **What concerns you about housing in Lewis County currently? Select the THREE most pressing issues?**

☐ Rising house prices

☐ Inadequate housing for seniors

☐ Homelessness

☐ Lack of housing options for moderate income households

☐ Lack of subsidized housing for lower income households

☐ Other

18. **What impact would each of the following types of new residential development have on the community?**

Select One option for each	*Negative Impact*	*No Impact*	*Positive Impact*
Single Family Homes	☐	☐	☐
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)	☐	☐	☐
Townhomes	☐	☐	☐
Duplexes & Triplexes	☐	☐	☐
Small Apartment Buildings	☐	☐	☐
Large Apartment Buildings	☐	☐	☐
Mobile Home Park	☐	☐	☐
Age Restricted Housing	☐	☐	☐

19. **How important are the following strategies related to industrial development in Lewis County?**

Select One option for each	*Not Important*	*Neutral*	*Important*
Recruiting Industry that pays well	☐	☐	☐
Recruiting industry based on their contribution to the local tax base regardless of job creation	☐	☐	☐
Recruiting industry that is technologically innovative and future focused	☐	☐	☐
Recruiting industry that prioritizes a reduction in negative environmental impacts	☐	☐	☐
Recruiting industry that Is related to agriculture	☐	☐	☐

Recruiting industry that promotes workforce development as priority	☐	☐	☐
Recruiting industry that hires second chance employees	☐	☐	☐

20. **Do you believe that the county/city should invest in infrastructure to support attracting industry and new jobs?**

☐ Yes – Highest Priority   ☐ Yes – Among Other Priorities

☐ No, I think there are more important priorities   ☐ Absolutely Not

21. **Please select the top <u>THREE</u> issues you think are most important for enhancing/revitalizing the downtowns in Lewis County?**

☐ Offering tax incentives for businesses and building owners

☐ Providing a mix of housing options for young professionals

☐ More recreational choices

☐ The ability to walk to neighborhood shops and amenities

☐ Investing in public infrastructure (streets, broadband, etc)

☐ Investing in façade improvement and beautification

☐ Creating a mix of amenities to entice difference sectors of the population
(retail, restaurant, entertainment, etc)

22. **Please select the top <u>THREE</u> issues you think are most important for increasing tourism opportunities to attract visitors to Lewis County?**

☐ Expanding the boundaries of Lewis County's existing historic districts

☐ Expanding opportunities for grants and tax incentives for projects on historic buildings

☐ Establishing and promoting landmarks and historic properties in Lewis County

☐ Marketing the arts and cultural opportunities in the area

23. Would you recommend Lewis County as a place for tourists to visit?

☐ Definitely   ☐ Maybe   ☐ Not at All

24. Please rate each of the following as a strength or weakness as it relates to your perception as a resident of Lewis County.

Select One option for each	*Weakness*	*Neutral*	*Strength*
Early Childhood Education	☐	☐	☐
Schools (K – 12)	☐	☐	☐
Higher Education (access to)	☐	☐	☐
Access to Employment & Essential Services	☐	☐	☐
Police protection and public safety	☐	☐	☐
Fire protection and emergency response	☐	☐	☐
Drinking Water Quality	☐	☐	☐
Wastewater/Sewer Utilities	☐	☐	☐
Electric Utilities	☐	☐	☐
Broadband Availability & Reliability	☐	☐	☐
Trash Removal & Recycling	☐	☐	☐
Stormwater drainage (flooding)	☐	☐	☐
Healthcare & Medical Services	☐	☐	☐
Local Public Health Services	☐	☐	☐
Health & Lifestyle Activities	☐	☐	☐

Library Services	☐	☐	☐
Youth Services	☐	☐	☐
Senior Citizen Services	☐	☐	☐
Veterans Services	☐	☐	☐
Other Municipal Programs & Services	☐	☐	☐

25. **When considering Lewis County's existing parks and recreation, identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness for the community today.**

Select One option for each	*Weakness*	*Neutral*	*Strength*
Neighborhood Parks	☐	☐	☐
Community Parks	☐	☐	☐
Playgrounds	☐	☐	☐
Sports Fields & Courts	☐	☐	☐
Access to Water features (Ohio River)	☐	☐	☐
Recreational Programs	☐	☐	☐
Recreational Facilities	☐	☐	☐
Access to local parks and recreational facilities	☐	☐	☐
ADA accessibility of parks and recreation facilities	☐	☐	☐
Open space and natural areas	☐	☐	☐
Environmental features such as rivers, forests, etc	☐	☐	☐
Proximity and access to regional open spaces	☐	☐	☐
The community's efforts towards sustainability	☐	☐	☐

26. **Please note the degree to which you agree with the following statements:**

Select One option for each	*Disagree*	*Neutral*	*Agree*
The county should protect existing agricultural land from future commercial or residential development	☐	☐	☐
It is important that Lewis County preserves its rural character and small-town feel	☐	☐	☐
The county should identify opportunities for local animal and crop processing services to support local farmer's needs	☐	☐	☐
The county needs to recruit and retain workforce that is need t support the agricultural sector (e.g. large animal vets)	☐	☐	☐
The county should prioritize agritourism as an important economic development strategy	☐	☐	☐

27. **When considering Lewis County's existing image and identity, identify if each of the following is a strength or weakness for the community today.**

Select ALL that apply	*Weakness*	*Neutral*	*Strength*
Community image & reputation	☐	☐	☐
Community appearance	☐	☐	☐
Community character & appeal	☐	☐	☐
Diversity of population	☐	☐	☐
Maintenance of public areas & properties	☐	☐	☐
Historic preservation & assets	☐	☐	☐
Arts & cultural amenities	☐	☐	☐
Character of entry points into the community	☐	☐	☐
Community events & festivals	☐	☐	☐

28. **Are you satisfied with the overall quality of life in Lewis County?**

   ☐ Yes   ☐ No   ☐ Maybe

29. **What is Lewis County's greatest strength? (You can only select one)**

   ☐ Housing   ☐ Commercial & Industrial Properties   ☐ Tourism

   ☐ Agriculture   ☐ Community Facilities & Services   ☐ Transportation

   ☐ Parks & Recreation   ☐ Image & Identity   ☐ Arts & Culture   ☐ Other

30. **What is Lewis County's greatest weakness? (You can only select one)**

   ☐ Housing   ☐ Commercial & Industrial Properties   ☐ Tourism

   ☐ Agriculture   ☐ Community Facilities & Services   ☐ Transportation

   ☐ Parks & Recreation   ☐ Image & Identity   ☐ Arts & Culture   ☐ Other

31. **From the list below, please select the top FOUR priority areas the county/city should focus on in the upcoming comprehensive plan.**

   ☐ Economic Development (creation and retention of quality jobs)

   ☐ Housing (quality and quantity of housing at a price that all households can afford)

   ☐ Environmental (protecting the natural resources and ensuring the ecosystem services continue to support residents' health, safety and welfare

   ☐ Agriculture (promoting agriculture as an essential contribution to the local economy)

   ☐ Resilience (livable city that can respond to both human-made and natural shocks and stressors)

   ☐ Historic Preservation and Revitalization (preserving history and devote resources to revitalizing important structures, landmarks, and events

32. **Please provide any additional comments you would like to share:**

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