

## Decatur County Comprehensive Plan

Decatur County is in the process of updating the County Comprehensive Plan, a key document that will guide future decisions on land use, development, community facilities, open spaces, and transportation. We encourage you to participate in this important planning process.

The responses from this community questionnaire will be collected and used to assist with the Comprehensive Plan and other decisions affecting our community. Your input is crucial, so please take the time to carefully review each question and provide accurate answers. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will help shape the future of Decatur County.

### 1. What is your primary language?

- ☐ English
- ☐ Spanish (Please contact 812-689-5505 for a Spanish version)
- ☐ Other

### 2. How old are you?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75 and Over

### 3. What category best describes your education level?

- ☐ Grade school
- ☐ High school
- ☐ Some college
- ☐ Two-year college/trade school
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Post graduate
- ☐ Other (please specify)

### 4. What town/city do you reside within Decatur County?

5. How many people are in your household?

- ☐ One
- ☐ Two
- ☐ Three
- ☐ Four
- ☐ Five
- ☐ Six or more

6. How long have you lived in Decatur County?

- ☐ Less than one year
- ☐ One to five years
- ☐ Six to ten years
- ☐ Eleven to twenty years
- ☐ Over twenty years

7. Do you own or rent your current residence?

- ☐ Own
- ☐ Rent

8. Are you currently looking for a new residence?

- ☐ Yes, in Decatur County
- ☐ Yes, Outside of Decatur County
- ☐ No

9. If you answered, "yes outside of Decatur County", why are you looking outside of the county? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Lack of Availability of homes
- ☐ Not Enough Quality Homes
- ☐ Moving for Job Opportunities
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Easier Commute
- ☐ Schools
- ☐ Childcare
- ☐ Not Looking Outside of Decatur
- ☐ N/A
- ☐ Other (please specify)

10. If you have maintained your residence within Decatur County limits, why? (Circle all that apply)

- ☐ Job or employment opportunity
- ☐ Housing (cost, availability, quality)
- ☐ Regional location
- ☐ Religious Institutions
- ☐ Schools
- ☐ Overall community character
- ☐ This is my hometown
- ☐ Overall quality of life
- ☐ Other (please specify)

11. Where did you move from?

- ☐ Another nearby community
- ☐ Another portion of Indiana
- ☐ Outside of Indiana
- ☐ Always lived here
- ☐ N/A
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. Have you considered moving out of Decatur County in the last 3-5 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

13. If yes, why?

- ☐ Lack of Availability of homes
- ☐ Not Enough Quality Homes
- ☐ Moving for Job Opportunities
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Easier Commute
- ☐ Health/Safety
- ☐ N/A
- ☐ Other (please specify)

14. What are the barriers you see to living within Decatur County? (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Lack of Availability of homes
- ☐ Not Enough Quality Homes
- ☐ Commute time
- ☐ Health & Safety
- ☐ Pedestrian trails/sidewalks
- ☐ New development
- ☐ Poorly maintained/vacant properties
- ☐ Availability of retail
- ☐ Availability of employment opportunities
- ☐ Development regulations and policies
- ☐ Changing demographics
- ☐ Condition of roadways
- ☐ Infrastructure (water/sewer/utilities)
- ☐ Schools

15. Other than living here, what brings you to Decatur County?

- ☐ Food/Dining
- ☐ School
- ☐ Post Office
- ☐ Retail
- ☐ Work
- ☐ Recreation
- ☐ Family
- ☐ Other (please specify)

16. What services/amenities would you like to see in Decatur County that you go elsewhere for?

17. Do you have access to broadband internet service?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

18. How do you rate the following amenities in Decatur County?

	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know	Not Available
Local Streets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pedestrian trails/sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trees and landscaping on public property	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ambulance services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water Quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Electric service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trash service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sewer service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Storm water drainage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snow removal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health care services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and open space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational facilities & programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural facilities & programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community meeting space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Data and technology infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Services for youth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Services for senior citizens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Are you looking to further your education?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, what are the barriers to doing so?

20. How would you rate the overall quality of commercial properties within Decatur County (appearance and property maintenance)?

Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. How would you rate the overall quality of residential properties within Decatur County (appearance and property maintenance)?

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. How important is it for Decatur County to attract new businesses/uses to Decatur County? (Please circle one)

Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. Would you support the use of tax incentives to retain existing businesses and attract new businesses to Decatur County? (Please circle one)

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Unsure

24. Are you satisfied with the current Decatur County zoning ordinances?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Why or Why not (please specify)

25. Do you feel informed about what is going on in Decatur County?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

26. Where do you typically get your information about the county and community affairs and programs? (Circle all that apply)

- ☐ Mailings
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Internet
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ TV
- ☐ Local newspapers
- ☐ Local conversations
- ☐ Other (please specify)

27. Do you think the county leadership is effectively dealing with local issues and concerns?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Other (please specify)

28. If you answered "No", what local issues and concerns should your local government be dealing with?

29. Would you like to see residential development in Decatur County? If yes, what kind?  
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Single-family homes
- ☐ Home Value <\$150k
- ☐ Home Value \$155-250K
- ☐ Home Value \$250-\$450K
- ☐ Home Value >\$450K
- ☐ Townhomes
- ☐ Apartments
- ☐ Condominiums
- ☐ Senior Citizen Housing
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other (please specify)

30. Would you like to see commercial development in Decatur County? If yes, what kind?  
(Circle all that apply)

- ☐ Retail Stores
- ☐ Personal services
- ☐ Gas stations
- ☐ Restaurants
- ☐ Hotels
- ☐ Entertainment
- ☐ Professional offices
- ☐ Medical facilities
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Mixed-use (may include residential)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

31. Select Decatur County’s top 3 strengths

- ☐ Neighborhoods
- ☐ Access to healthcare services
- ☐ Access to public transportation
- ☐ Commercial/shopping areas
- ☐ Schools
- ☐ Location and access
- ☐ Parks and open space
- ☐ Natural resources/agricultural
- ☐ Residents
- ☐ Downtown/ Courthouse Square
- ☐ Local government and services (regulations, infrastructure, etc.)
- ☐ Development and growth potential
- ☐ Public safety (police, fire, etc.)
- ☐ Taxes
- ☐ Access for senior residents
- ☐ Access for disabled residents
- ☐ Other (please specify)



32. Select Decatur County’s top 3 weaknesses.

- ☐ Neighborhoods
- ☐ Access to healthcare services
- ☐ Access to public transportation
- ☐ Commercial/shopping areas
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- ☐ Public safety (police, fire, etc.)
- ☐ Taxes
- ☐ Access for senior residents
- ☐ Access for disabled residents
- ☐ Other (please specify)

33. What are the top three priorities Decatur County should focus on improving? (Choose three)

- ☐ Neighborhoods
- ☐ Historical Preservation
- ☐ Commercial/shopping areas
- ☐ Schools
- ☐ Location and access
- ☐ Parks and open space
- ☐ Natural environment
- ☐ Residents
- ☐ Downtown/ Courthouse Square
- ☐ City government and services (regulations, infrastructure, etc.)
- ☐ Development and growth potential
- ☐ Public safety (police, fire, etc.)
- ☐ Healthcare services
- ☐ Taxes
- ☐ Other (please specify)

34. How would you rate the physical appearance of Decatur County roads and primary points of entry into the communities?

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

35. Do you support the county in applying for a \$60,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) available through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for the purpose of updating the Comprehensive Plan, to guide future development priorities & decisions?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Why or Why not (please specify)

36. Please provide any additional comments in the space below.