

The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce 740.282.6226  
Jefferson Soil & Water Conservation District  
Jefferson County Port Authority  
Eastern Gateway Community College  
Historic Fort Steuben  
Jefferson County Regional Planning Commission  
Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission

November 7, 2016

Dear Jefferson County Resident:

The Community Investment Plan project was initiated in 2008 by Gary Folden, who was at the time president of the Jefferson County Chamber Of Commerce. That year, Gary assembled an Advisory Group of key stakeholders from across Jefferson County. The purpose of the group was to strengthen Jefferson County by creating collaborative partnerships, to identify needed resources, and to develop and communicate strategies for improvement and growth that would benefit all sectors of the county, including education, government and private and non-profit sectors. After many months of research and monthly meetings, the end result was a comprehensive plan that outlined the goals in various areas that would positively affect the quality of life for Jefferson County residents. In 2014, the Implementation Team developed an Executive Summary that provided a report of the progress that had been made since 2008. And then, in 2015, the Advisory Group reconvened, with many of its original members, to begin the process of updating the plan once again. This group has been meeting on a regular basis over the past 18 months and now, in order to move forward with updating the plan, it needs your input to help ensure that the revised version remains relevant and current.

A copy of the 2014 Community Investment Plan Executive Summary is available by contacting any of the agencies listed above. It is encouraging to see the progress that has been made in many areas but there is still much work to be done. With your input on the following survey, Phase II of this partnership for growth will be developed and the plan will once again be used to initiate, continue, direct, encourage and monitor progress in Jefferson County. Thank you in advance for your input on this important project.

**Survey Instructions:**

- You must be a resident of Jefferson County to participate.
- The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please answer all questions as honestly and completely as possible.
- Please only complete one survey. Multiple submissions will result in all of the surveys in your name being deleted.
- There is a personal information section at the end, however, you may remain anonymous if you wish by leaving it blank.
- All surveys that are completed properly and include a name and phone number will be entered into a drawing for three \$100 Visa gift cards will be awarded. The drawing will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- The deadline for submitting your survey is Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- You may complete the survey and submit online or print and mail a hard copy to: The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, 630 Market St., Steubenville, OH 43952.

## I. EDUCATION

1. Please circle the school district in which you live, or answer "Do not know".

Toronto City          Buckeye Local          Indian Creek Local          Steubenville City

Harrison Hills City          Southern Local          Edison Local          Do not know

2. Do you have children who attend a school district within Jefferson County? Circle one.          Yes          No

3. Please state the school district that your children attend, if different than the one stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. If your children do not attend one of the above districts in Jefferson County, please circle their schooling below.

Private school          Parochial school          Home schooled          Online public school  
Career/Vocational School          Alternative School          Developmental Disability School

5. What is the name of the school? \_\_\_\_\_

6. With 10 being the best that your school district could be and 1 being the worst, please rank your school district your child **attends** by choosing a number from 1 to 10. \_\_\_\_\_

7. With 10 being the best that your school district could be and 1 being the worst, please rank your school district where you **live** by choosing a number from 1 to 10. \_\_\_\_\_

8. How would you rate the school district your children **attend** with regard to preparing students for higher education? Circle one.

Excellent          Good          Average          Poor

9. How would you rate the high school in the district your children **attend** with regard to providing quality after school programming including academic course work? Base your answer on only the school you have knowledge about. Circle one.

Excellent          Good          Average          Poor

10. How would you rate the high school in the district your children **attend** with regard to providing quality after school extracurricular activities (sports, theatre, music, clubs)? Base your answer only on the school that you have knowledge about. Circle one.

Excellent          Good          Average          Poor

11. How would you rate higher educational facilities in Jefferson County with regard to preparing adults to meet the needs of local businesses in Jefferson County? (Being prepared for the local workforce) Circle one.

Excellent          Good          Average          Poor

12. How would you rate higher educational facilities in Jefferson County with regard to promoting partnerships with local businesses? (Ex: advocating for laws that help businesses, understanding the tax structure, internships) Circle one.

Excellent          Good          Average          Poor

13. How would you rate Jefferson County in terms of providing opportunities for adults who did not earn a high school diploma the traditional way but who now want to go back to school or take classes to earn a high school diploma or its equivalent? Circle one.

Excellent          Good          Average          Poor

## HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS

14. How would you rate Jefferson County in terms of **access** to hospitals? Circle one.

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor

15. How would you rate Jefferson County in terms of **access** to express care type facilities? Circle one.

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor

16. On a scale of 1-10 with ten being the best and the 1 being the worst, rank the quality of care available in Jefferson County in the following specializations. Please rate each using 1-10.

_____	General Medicine	_____	Cardiac Care
_____	Orthopedic Care	_____	Pediatric Care
_____	Geriatric Care	_____	Oncology (Cancer) Treatment
_____	Obstetrics	_____	Mental Health/Addiction Recovery

17. Do you think that Jefferson County has quality fitness centers? Circle one.      Yes      No

18. Do you think that the fitness centers in Jefferson County offer affordable rates? Circle one.

Yes      No

19. Do you feel that the healthcare facilities in Jefferson County adequately inform residents of the services that they offer? Circle one.      Yes      No

20. Does your place of employment provide opportunities to enroll in wellness programs? Circle one.

Yes      No      I don't know

21. If you answered yes to #17, does your enrollment in a wellness program result in lower health insurance premiums? Circle one.

Yes      No      I don't know

22. Does your health care insurance help cover the costs of wellness program fees? Circle one.

Yes      No      I don't know

23. Does your physician use electronic means to maintain and update your medical records? Circle one.

Yes      No      I don't know

24. Have you enrolled in your physician's program so that you may access your healthcare records online? Circle one.

Yes      No      I don't know

25. Does your doctor send your prescriptions to the pharmacy electronically? Circle one.

Yes      No      I don't know

26. How would you rate Jefferson County in terms of providing mental health treatment facilities? Circle one.

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor

27. How would you rate Jefferson County in terms of providing addiction recovery facilities? Circle one.

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor

**AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT**

28. How would you rate your **knowledge of** agricultural issues in Jefferson County? Circle one.

Excellent                  Good                  Average                  Poor

29. How would you rate the training available in Jefferson County for those wanting to go into an agriculture related business? Circle one.

Excellent                  Good                  Average                  Poor

30. Which water system are you connected to at your home. (Who supplies your water service.)

City                  County                  Village                  Well                  Other \_\_\_\_\_

31. How would you rate local governmental agencies in terms of providing you with information regarding the safety of your drinking water? Circle one.

Excellent                  Good                  Average                  Poor

32. How would you rate local agencies in terms of providing you with information regarding recycling programs and opportunities?

Excellent                  Good                  Average                  Poor

33. On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the best and 1 being the worst, rank the following in Jefferson County:

\_\_\_\_\_ County-wide litter control                  \_\_\_\_\_ Enforcement of litter & dumping laws

34. On a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the best and 1 being the worst, rank the following in Jefferson County:

\_\_\_\_\_ Quality of county roads                  \_\_\_\_\_ Quality of township roads

\_\_\_\_\_ Quality of city/village roads                  \_\_\_\_\_ Quality of village roads

35. Do you know what happens to run-off water after it flows through downspouts and streets and into storm drains? Circle one.

Yes                  No

36. How would you rate your **knowledge of** what eventually happens to fertilizers and chemicals that are applied to lawns? Circle one.

Excellent                  Good                  Average                  Poor

37. How would you rate your **knowledge of** what eventually happens to fertilizers and chemicals that are applied to roadsides? Circle one.

Excellent                  Good                  Average                  Poor

38. How would you rate your **knowledge of** what eventually happens to fertilizers and chemicals that are applied to farmlands? Circle one.

Excellent                  Good                  Average                  Poor

39. How would you rate your **knowledge of** how water is affected by fracking?

Excellent                  Good                  Average                  Poor

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

40. How would you rate your **knowledge of** current zoning laws that exist in the cities and villages of Jefferson County? Circle one.

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor

41. Jefferson County currently has zoning in its cities and many of its villages. Should zoning be expanded to include the rest of the county? Circle one.

Yes                      No                      I don't know

42. How would you rate Jefferson County in terms of effective economic development (programs to improve business retention, expansion and creation)? Circle one.

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor      I don't know

43. How would you rate Jefferson County in terms of offering programs that help retain existing businesses? Circle one.

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor      I don't know

44. Rank the following items 1 through 7 in terms of how you would prioritize what needs addressed in Jefferson County with 1 being your first priority and 7 being your last.

- \_\_\_\_\_ infrastructure (Streets, water, sewage systems, bridges)
- \_\_\_\_\_ buildings (refurbishing, demolishing)
- \_\_\_\_\_ public safety (law enforcement, police & sheriff presence)
- \_\_\_\_\_ recreation (facilities, parks, programs, walking/biking trails, riverfront activities)
- \_\_\_\_\_ job creation through new business
- \_\_\_\_\_ business retention & expansion
- \_\_\_\_\_ riverfront development

45. Rank the following items 1 through 6 in terms of how you would prioritize the **types** of jobs that are needed in Jefferson County with 1 being your first priority and 6 being your last.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality
- \_\_\_\_\_ Service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Retail
- \_\_\_\_\_ Office support/clerical
- \_\_\_\_\_ Technology

46. Rank the following items 1 through 5 in terms of what you believe is most needed in Jefferson County with 1 being your first priority and 5 being your last.

- \_\_\_\_\_ More dining establishments
- \_\_\_\_\_ More retail stores
- \_\_\_\_\_ A conference center
- \_\_\_\_\_ More hotels



Parents and at-risk youths	Yes	No
Veterans	Yes	No
Senior citizens	Yes	No
The under-nourished	Yes	No
Those suffering from drug/alcohol addiction	Yes	No
The developmentally disabled	Yes	No

57. How would you rate the quality of **child** day care facilities in Jefferson County? Circle one.

Excellent      Good      Average      Poor      Don't know

58. Should Jefferson County work toward reducing the amount of low income federally subsidized housing located in the county? Circle one.

Yes      No      Don't know

**RECREATION**

59. Do you think that more walking/biking trails are needed in Jefferson County? Circle one.

Yes      No      No opinion

60. Do you think that a riverfront trail is important? Circle one.

Yes      No      No opinion

61. Would you financially support (levy) a Jefferson County Community Center. Circle one.

Yes      No      Don't know

62. Have you ever visited Jefferson County's Friendship Park? Circle one.

Yes      No

63. Have you ever visited a public park in Jefferson County? Circle one.

Yes      No

64. Have you ever visited a private park in Jefferson County? Circle one.

Yes      No

65. Do you or have you participated in any of the following activities **in Jefferson County**? Please place an "X" next to those that you have participated in.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping (RV/tent)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational sports (basketball, softball, volleyball, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Golfing  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> River activities/sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter sports  |

If "Winter sports" is checked, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

66. Is there an adequate law enforcement presence throughout Jefferson County? Circle one.

Yes                      No                      Don't know

67. Are there adequate emergency response services throughout Jefferson County? Circle one.

Yes                      No                      Don't know

68. How would you rate Jefferson County with regard to its efforts in dealing with prostitution? Circle one.

Excellent              Good              Average              Poor

69. How would you rate Jefferson County with regard to its efforts in dealing with illegal drug use & the sale of illegal drugs? Circle one.

Excellent              Good              Average              Poor

70. How would you rate the emergency management response teams in Jefferson County with regard to the following areas?

Terrorism/gas leaks	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	I don't know
Environmental emergencies	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	I don't know
Natural disasters/flooding	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	I don't know

71. Do you feel safe in your neighborhood? Circle one.                      Yes                      No

72. Would you financially support a public safety levy?                      Yes                      No

**OPTIONAL**

The following section is optional, but is a very important part of the survey. The information gathered here will allow the results of the project to be analyzed more thoroughly and accurately. This will help ensure that the final survey analysis is a good representation of the wants and needs of Jefferson County residents. Please circle your answer.

Gender:                      Male              Female

Current Marital Status:      Single                      Married                      Divorced                      Separated

Zip code of your home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment status:

\_\_\_ Currently employed      \_\_\_ Retired      \_\_\_ Seeking employment      \_\_\_ Laid off      \_\_\_ On Disability

Circle your highest level of education:

High School – did not graduate      High School Graduate or Equivalent  
Associate Degree      Bachelor Degree                      Graduate Degree

Number of dependent children living in your home \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in Jefferson County?

0-5 years                      6-10 years                      11-15 years                      More than 15 years

Do you live in a city, village or rural area of Jefferson County? Circle one.

City                      Village                      Rural

Check your age category:

\_\_\_ Under 21      \_\_\_ 21-30                      \_\_\_ 31-40  
\_\_\_ 41-50                      \_\_\_ 51-60                      \_\_\_ 61-70  
\_\_\_ 71-80                      \_\_\_ 80+

The following information is optional but required to be entered in the drawing for three, \$100 Visa gift cards, complements of Tri-State Financial Services, Steubenville, Ohio.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_