Introduction

Welcome to the Antelope County, Nebraska Comprehensive Plan survey.

Please take the time necessary to answer the following questions. These questions will assist in developing the new Antelope County Comprehensive Plan. All answers are anonymous and cannot be traced back. We ask that you only answer the survey once.

Please provide the following information for our survey. It is anticipated to take between 15 and 20 minutes to complete the entire survey.

If you have direct questions regarding the survey, please contact Keith at kmarvin@marvinplanning.com or Mason at mherrman@marvinplanning.com.

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important.

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Place of Residence in Antelope County

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1. Where in Antelope County do you liv	e?
Brunswick (corporate limits)	Orchard (corporate limits)
Clearwater (corporate limits)	Royal (corporate limits)
Elgin (corporate limits)	Tilden (corporate limits)
Neligh (corporate limits)	Rural Antelope County
Oakdale (corporate limits)	Outside Antelope County

General Information

2. How long have you lived in Antelope County?
less than 1 year
1 to 5 years
6 to 10 years
11 to 15 years
16 to 20 years
21 to 30 years
31 years to 40 years
41 years to 50 years
50+ years
3. Please tell us your age range.
under 18 years
18 to 19 years
20 to 24 years
25 to 29 years
30 to 34 years
35 to 39 years
40 to 44 years
45 to 54 years
55 to 64 years
65 to 74 years
75 to 84 years
85 and over
4. Please tell us how many children you have
0
3
<u> </u>
<u>5</u> +

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and	Professional, scientific, management,
Mining	administrative and waste management
Construction	Educational, health, and social services
Manufacturing	Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodatio and food services
Wholesale Trade	Other services (except public administration)
Retail Trade	Public administration
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	Retired
Information	Disabled
Finance, Insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	Disabled
Other (please specify)	
). How far is your commute to work?	
Work from Home (telecommute)	20 to 29 minutes
Work at Home	30 to 44 minutes
Less than 10 minutes	45 to 59 minutes
10 to 14 minutes	○ 60 minutes or more
15 to 19 minutes	Retired
Other (please specify)	
Highest Level of Education	
Grade/Middle School	Community/Technical/Vocational
High School	4-year College/University
GED	Graduate/Advanced Degree
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2. Business/Employer Location	
In Home Oakdale	Grand Island
Online	Omaha
Brunswick Royal	Lincoln
Clearwater Tilden	Out of State - South Dakota
Elgin Norfolk	Out of State - Elsewhere
Neligh Columbus	
Other (please specify)	

13. What brought you to Antelope County? (Se	lect all that apply)
Family	
Work	
Retirement	
Retirement and family	
Always lived here	
Other (please specify)	
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14. All of us have different experiences with w	
about Antelope County. Is Antelope County a q	
Very high quality	Low quality
High quality	Very low quality
Neither high nor low quality	
Other (please specify)	
15. I plan to retire in Antelope County	
Yes	
○ No	
Already retired and living in Antelope County	
16. I grew up or have lived on a farm	
Yes	
○ No	
17. I am confident in Antelope County's future	
Yes	
○ No	
O Not sure	

Agree or Disagree

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements. Your answers will help determine the goals and priorities for Antelope County's next comprehensive plan. The following topics are included below: Economic Development, Housing, Quality of Life, Visual Appeal, Energy & Resource Conservation, Recreation/Entertainment, Funding and Taxes. Please mark/circle "No Opinion/Not Sure" when the statement is inapplicable to you. This is the longest portion of the survey. It continues on the next page. To make this as quick as possible, your gut instinct should be satisfactory; you do not need to spend extra time thinking about each answer. Part 4 should take about 10 minutes to complete.

18. Please answer the following questions as indicated above

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
If I had the means, I would start or invest in a small, local business.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0
Commercial real estate is over-priced in Antelope County.		\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
It is too hard for small businesses to survive here.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	
Antelope County towns have nice downtowns for business opportunities.	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0
Antelope County's history and architecture should be preserved.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	0
Old buildings and houses should be cleaned up or torn down.	\bigcirc		\bigcirc		\bigcirc
New business should be along highway corridors instead of the downtowns.	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	\circ
The county should keep all new business development within city limits.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\circ	\bigcirc
The entrances to towns in Antelope County are	\bigcirc	\circ		0	

attractive.					
Agricultural land should be developed for business and housing.	\bigcirc				\bigcirc
The county should focus on developing technology and energy resources.	\circ	0		0	\circ
Protecting farmland should be the county's top priority.	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Value-added strategies need to be implemented to enhance agriculture.					\bigcirc
Wind farms will strengthen our economy.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Solar farms will strengthen our economy.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc
Wind farms can be attractive.					
I think large wind mills would ruin my view of the landscape.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\circ	\circ
Wind energy will help us protect other natural resources in Antelope County.	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	0
New or expanded manufacturing or assembly plants will bring the kind of jobs we need.	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
There is a strong, available workforce in Antelope County.			\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
The county should be more proactive in supporting existing industries and businesses in Antelope County.	0	\circ			0
I would take a job on an assembly line.		\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc
Local farmers have a high need for employees but they are unavailable.	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
There are enough part-time jobs for high-school					

students.					
High school kids travel too far for entertainment and jobs.	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	0	\circ
Middle school kids don't have anything to do with their free time.	\bigcirc		\bigcirc		\bigcirc
I will support a county-wide effort to provide jobs and volunteer opportunities for the general public.	0	0	0	0	
There should be more places where kids can hang out with their friends.	\bigcirc				\bigcirc
Antelope County has a variety of housing options.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Real estate and rental rates are less expensive than for surrounding counties.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
Public housing is adequate for Antelope County's needs.		\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Most homes in Antelope County are in good condition.		\circ	\circ	\circ	
New housing should be built within city limits or within close proximity.		\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
More affordable housing is needed for young families.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
The elderly needs more housing and assisted living facilities.	\bigcirc		\circ		\circ
There needs to be more apartments, town homes, or duplexes.	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Enough homes are for sale in the \$100,000 to \$250,000 price range.	0	0	0	0	
New housing					

developments should be spread throughout the county.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
There is enough rental property in Antelope County.	\bigcirc		\circ	\circ	\circ
Farmers should be allowed to sell and subdivide their land however they want.	\bigcirc			\bigcirc	\circ
Overall, homes in Antelope County have an above average appearance.	\bigcirc				0
I would support a program to strengthen community pride and appearance.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
County roads are in good condition.	\bigcirc				
I would support a program to repair/clean-up homes and lawns.	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Developers should pay for new water lines and other infrastructure.	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
Developers should be allowed to build residential subdivisions in rural areas.	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	
Developers should be required to enhance roads and bridges.	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Developers should be required to locate within existing communities and connect to city services.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
I would be willing to pay an additional tax for county road improvements.	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
Public transportation is easily accessible in the county.	\bigcirc				\bigcirc
The county has quality Police, EMS, and fire protection.	\bigcirc	0	\circ	0	\bigcirc

I receive good health care locally.					
Good dental care is available in Antelope County.	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
I feel that adequate senior services are available.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I feel that adequate senior services are affordable.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
I feel that adequate child care is available.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
I feel that adequate child care is affordable.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
There are adequate after-school programs available.		\bigcirc			\bigcirc
Good quality education is available in Antelope County's schools.	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
There are not enough teachers in Antelope County.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
There are plenty of extracurricular activities and events for kids.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
There are adequate adults and senior citizens activities.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
I often use community centers and/or walk-n-bike paths, tracks, or trails.	0	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	
There are not enough places to exercise, or they are too far away.		\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Outdoor recreation options are limited in Antelope County.	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
It is important to preserve and share Antelope County history.	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
The county's water bodies are important assets.	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ		\circ

The prairie is an important resource for the future of Antelope County.		\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
The future of Antelope County is more important than preserving its history.		\bigcirc	0	0	
Retaining youth is the key to Antelope County's future.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Retaining current business is key to Antelope County's economic survival.		\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	
Recruiting new business should be a priority for the county.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Existing business districts should be revitalized.		\bigcirc			
County and city resources should be consolidated where possible.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	
Growth and development should be carefully managed.		\circ	0	\bigcirc	\circ
We should partner with neighboring counties for the future of our region.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Overall, Antelope County is a good place to live.		\bigcirc			
Antelope County has a likable rural and small-town atmosphere.		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
There are adequate cultural opportunities, events and activities.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0	\circ	
County government officials are responsive to community needs.	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Local government officials are responsive to community needs.		\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0

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Agriculture						
The agriculture qu	uestions ad	ldress issu	es being face	ed by the ag	gricultural	
19. The following va		trategies fo	or the agricultu	ıral econom	y of Antelope	County
	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
More livestock for feeding grain			\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
New industries using grain in their manufacturing process (such as bio- plastics, etc)	0	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ
Greater effort towards exporting local grain to outside markets	0	0	0	\circ	0	0
Crop diversity (such as hemp, etc.)			\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Diversification of livestock types						
Create farm to home operations (such as farmer's markets, Community- supported agriculture, On-farm stores)		\circ		\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc
Vineyards and wine						

making

Other (please specify)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No opinion / not sure	Disagree	Strong Disagree	N/A
Drought						
Commodity prices						
Large corporate ag. becoming more vertically integrated (such as owning the land, and commodity all the way to the final product)					0	0
Foreign producers (such as Brazil, Mexico, China, etc.)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Political policies and actions	\bigcirc					
Eating practices changing (such as vegetarian, low carb, etc.)		\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Encouragement of non-agricultural uses (such as residential developments, large commercial and industrial uses)	0	0		\bigcirc	0	0
ther (please specify)						

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Consumer Habits
Please show how far you generally travel to perform the following tasks. Please select the location nearest to the activity. Please leave blank if there are no applicable locations. Section 6 should only take a few minutes.

	Antelope County	Neliah	Norfolk	Columbus	Grand Island	Omaha	Lincoln	Other	On-line/ Internet	
Entertainment (such as movies, miniature golf, etc.)										
Outdoor recreation (such as hunting, hiking, boating, etc.)										
Outdoor exercise (such as walking, running, biking, etc.)										
To play sports (such as basketball, tennis, golf, etc.)										
Indoor exercise (such as walking, aerobics, weights, etc.)										
Swimming (outdoor or indoor)										
Cultural events (such as theater, concerts, museums, etc.)										
Festivals and fairs										
Grocery shopping										
Furniture shopping										
Clothes shopping										
Vehicle shopping										
Farm equipment shopping										
Antiques shopping										
Gas / Convenience items shopping										
Hardware / Lumber shopping										
Other shopping										
Dining out fast food										
Dining out with sit- down service										
Community clubs or groups										

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Goods and Services	

22. Which of the following services and/or businesses should be the focus of economic development activities in the future?

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Less Important	Not Important
Daycare - children					
Daycare - adults					
Grocery store					
Banking					
Tech support - computers					
Tourism					
Arts and culture					
Main street retail					
Restaurants					
Recreational facilities		\bigcirc			
More jobs					
Youth retention					
Senior housing - including assisted living	\bigcirc		\circ		\circ
Healthcare					
Better broadband					

Very Available Daycare - children Daycare - adult Grocery store Banking Tech support - computers Tourism Arts and crafts Nursing home facilities Assisted living facilities Meals on wheels Senior services Main street retail Restaurants Healthcare facilities Agricultural support (such as dealerships, parts, and repair)		e Neutral	Less Available	Not Availab	ole N/A O O O O O O O O O O O O O
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24. What is / will be you Stay in Antelope County		rement?			
Seek a nearby location					
Stay in Nebraska					
Move to another state					
Other None of the above					
Other (please specify)					

	Most Important	Important	Neutral	Less Important	Not Important
Energy					
Agricultural land	\bigcirc			\bigcirc	
Soils					
Native Vegetation / WIldlife	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Vater					
6. In regard to eco) Highest to (5) Lo			ty should conc	entrate efforts i	in which area? 5
Manufacturing /	1	2	S	4	5
Assembly					
Technology					
Retail and Wholesale Trade				\circ	
Energy					
Agriculture					
Other					
her (please specify)					
					

	Excellent	Good	Average	Improvement Needed	Poor	NA
County Board of Commissioners		\bigcirc			\bigcirc	\bigcirc
County Clerk's office						
County Assessor's office						
County Register of Deeds office			\bigcirc			
County Treasurer's office						
County Attorney's office						
County Highway Superintendent						
Planning and Zoning						
Emergency Management						
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)						
Noxious Weed Department						
County Law Enforcement						
Elementary education						
Secondary education			\bigcirc			
County-wide economic development		\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Senior services						
ther (please specify)						

Brief answers Finally, we would like to give you the opportunity to write in some of your own answers/ comments in relation to Antelope County. Please be brief, concise and legible. Please print if you need to. This final section should only take a couple of minutes. Additionally, we would like you to help us prioritize county efforts with a final ranking. Thank you for your participation in this survey. 28. List the one most important quality of Antelope County that must be preserved. 29. List the one thing that most needs to be changed about Antelope County.

31. What type(s) of outdoor recreation are most important to you?

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Thank you taking the Survey	