

**COMMUNITY SURVEY  
STEVENS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Stevens County has begun the process of developing its first Comprehensive Plan and is looking for input from the public to help guide the content of the Plan.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan is an official document adopted by a local government to guide future decisions regarding land use, growth and development. It indicates goals and policies intended to guide land use decisions over the next 10-20 years. A Comprehensive Plan is not a set of regulations or zoning ordinances, but it does help to guide future decisions relating to zoning ordinances, zoning maps and other policies and programs.

The more input we receive from the public, the more the final Plan adopted by the County Board will represent the desires and concerns of the county as a whole. Please feel free to share copies of this survey with your neighbors and friends that live within Stevens County.

If you prefer, this survey can also be filled out online at:

<http://www.hometownplanning.com/stevens-county-comprehensive-plan.html>

**Surveys should be returned by December 12 to:**

Stevens County Environmental Services  
400 Colorado Avenue, Suite 306  
Morris, MN 56267  
(320) 208-6558

If you prefer to scan and e-mail your survey: [oleson@hometownplanning.com](mailto:oleson@hometownplanning.com).

*(Surveys received after December 12 are still encouraged. The County's Comprehensive Plan Task Force will be making a review of responses on or around December 15).*

**Please answer the following questions:**

1. What three things are going well in the County and should be continued?

1.

2.

3.

2. What three things are not going well in the County and need to be changed?

1.

2.

3.

3. Name a few things that you feel the County should do to make things better in the following areas (answer as many or as few as you wish):

a. Transportation (roads, bridges, public transit, biking, etc...)

b. Recreation (parks, camping, biking, birdwatching, hunting, etc...)

c. Land use/Zoning

d. Economic Development

e. Agriculture

f. Water quality (groundwater and surface water)

g. Tourism

h. Housing

i. Coordination with other levels of government (cities, townships, school districts, state)

Identify 3 of the most important issues you see facing Stevens County in the next 1-5 years.

1.

2.

3.

What do you think the following groups of people would most like to see?

- Large employers
- Small businesses
- Potential new employers/industries

- Farmers
- Lakeshore owners
- Tourists/Visitors
- Families with young children
- Recent high school graduates
- Retirees/Empty Nesters
- Elderly

Do you have any other comments or suggestions?