

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2050 UPDATE COMMUNITY SURVEY

**Purpose:** Levy County is updating its Comprehensive Plan to guide growth, conservation, and investment through 2050. Your input will directly inform policies on land use, springs protection, housing, transportation, economic development, and quality of life.

Time: Short Form ~10 minutes; Full Form ~15–20 minutes.

**Confidentiality:** Responses are anonymous and reported only in aggregate. **Please do not include personally identifying information in open-ended responses.** 

**Public Participation:** This survey supports public participation for the Comprehensive Plan consistent with §163.3181, Florida Statutes.

How to Take This Survey: Choose the Short Form (questions marked with a ★) or complete the Full Form (all questions). Paper copies are available at County offices and libraries. To request accessibility accommodations please email planning@levycounty.org.





#### A. About You & Where You Live/Work

•	A1. Where do you primarily live? (select one)			
	☐ Unincorporated Levy County			
	$\square$ Bronson $\square$ Cedar Key $\square$ Chiefland $\square$ Fanning Springs $\square$ Inglis $\square$ Otter Creek $\square$ Williston $\square$ Yankeetow			
	☐ I do not live in Levy County			
	A2. What is the nearest community/area or ZIP code?			
	A3. Do you own, rent, or other? (select one)			
	□ Own □ Rent □ Other/temporary □ Prefer not to say			
	A4. What type of home or housing do you currently live in? (Check all that apply)  □ Single-family home			
	□ Apartment □ Mobile home			
	□ Senior community			
	☐ Assisted living/group housing			
	□ Other:			
	A4. Do you also work or own a business in Levy County?			
	☐ Yes ☐ No (Skip to Section B)			
	A5. If yes, what best describes your role? (select all that apply)			
	☐ Business owner/manager			
	☐ Agriculture/forestry/fishing			
	☐ Tourism/hospitality			
	☐ Manufacturing/industrial			
	☐ Construction/trades			
	☐ Health/education/public sector			
	□ Retail/services			
	☐ Professional services (Engineering, architecture, survey, etc.)			
	□ Remote worker □ Other			

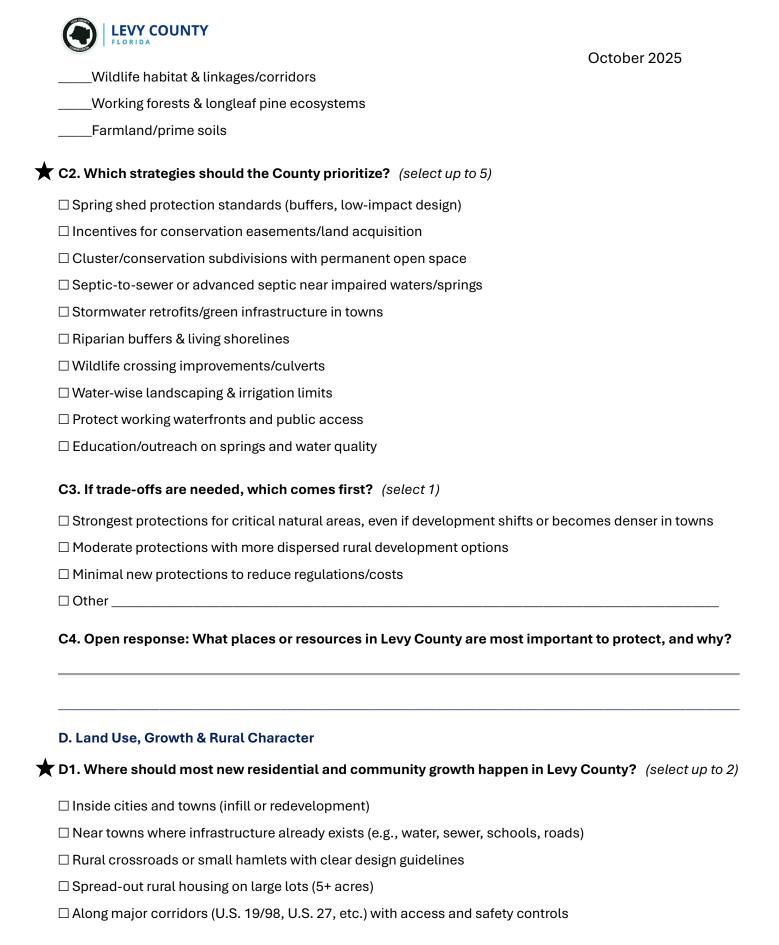




## **B. Vision & Priorities**

	Protect springs, rivers, and aquifer recharge
	Conserve wildlife habitat & corridors
	Support working lands (agriculture, silviculture)
	Direct growth to towns or areas serviced by available infrastructure (water & sewer)
	Economic development/Better job opportunities
	Designate more areas for commercial development, warehouses, and light industry
	Downtown/village revitalization
	_Improve roads & safety
	Expand broadband & utilities
	_Diversify jobs & small business support
	Housing affordability & choice
	Parks, recreation, and public access to nature
	Resilience to flooding, storms, sea level rise
	Community health & safety services
	Other (write-in)
B2.	Over the next 10-15 years, Levy County should (select 1)
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	D2. Which development patterns do you prefer in rural areas? (select up to 2)
	□ Conservation subdivisions (same overall density, 50%+ open space)  (Homes grouped together while keeping at least half the land as preserved woods, fields, or open space.)
	☐ Large-lot (5–10 acres)
	☐ Agricultural homesteads tied to active agriculture/forestry  (Homes tied to active farming, ranching, or forestry uses, where the land is mainly used for agriculture.)
	□ Village clusters with shared utilities and services (Homes clustered in a village-style setting with shared utilities, shops, or community facilities.)
	□ No change from today
*	D3. Levy County is exploring opportunities to create or expand industrial and employment areas to support job growth and the local economy. Which locations do you think are most appropriate for these types of development? (select up to 2)
	□ Near Chiefland along U.S. 19/98
	$\square$ At the outskirts of Williston or Bronson with infrastructure access
	☐ At rural crossroads with road access but limited services
	□ Along major corridors like U.S. 27 or U.S. 41
	$\square$ Near railroad or freight routes $\square$ Industrial parks should not be expanded
	□ Other (please specify):
	D4. Open response: Where should the County avoid growth due to constraints (flooding, habitat, spring shed, evacuation, etc.)?
	D5. What design tools should the County use? (select all that you feel should be implemented)  □ Dark sky lighting & rural roadway character
	Outdoor lighting that reduces glare and light pollution, while also keeping rural roads safe and preserving the traditional rural look and feel.
	□ Native landscaping & tree canopy standards
	□ Access management/shared driveways on highways  A safety practice that reduces the number of driveways and entrances along busy roads by encouraging shared access, helping to prevent crashes, and keeping traffic flowing smoothly.
	☐ Architectural/complete streets standards in towns  Design approaches that make town centers more attractive and walkable, and incorporate features such
	as sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, and street trees.
	☐ Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) from conservation to growth areas  A tool allowing development rights to be transferred from areas not suited for development to suitable areas
	☐ Higher development density along transit routes.

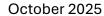




### E. Housing & Neighborhoods

★ E1. What do you consider to be the biggest housing challenges?	(select up to 3)
□ Cost/affordability	
☐ Availability of rentals	
☐ Starter homes	
☐ Aging in place/accessible homes	
☐ Workforce housing near jobs	
☐ Property insurance/Flood Insurance	
☐ Infrastructure (water/sewer/roads)	
☐ Other	
<b>E2.</b> Which types of housing should be encouraged in areas that a services? (select up to 3)	lready have utilities and community
☐ Small-lot single-family	
☐ Duplex/triplex/fourplex	
☐ Cottages/tiny homes	
□ Townhomes □ Multifamily/Apartments	
☐ Live/Work units : (A special type of housing where the ground floor	r is designed for the resident's small
business (like a studio, office, or shop), and the upper floor is their	_
Upper-story apartments downtown: (Housing units located above offices in a traditional "Main Street")	ground-floor shops, restaurants, or
☐ Accessory dwelling units (ADUs)/Mother-in-Law units	
★ E3. Do you support offering incentives for housing that is afforda	ble and located close to jobs, shops,
and community services?	
☐ Strongly support	
☐ Support	
□ Neutral	
□ Oppose	
□ Strongly oppose	
F. Transportation Safety & Infrastructure	
F1. "If you had 100 points to spend on transportation priorities, h add up to 100%)"	ow would you divide them? (Total must
Road maintenance & safety%	
Capacity at key choke points%	
Walk/bike safety & trails%	

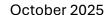






Coastal evacuation & resilience%
ransit/commuter options%
reight & agricultural mobility%
2. Top safety issues? (select up to 3)
High-speed corridors School zone safety Pedestrian crossings Bike shoulders/lanes Evacuation routes Sight distance/driveway spacing Lighting Other (write-in)
3. Broadband (Wi-Fi) service is  Adequate  Spotty Inadequate  Not available to me Unsure
6. Economy, Jobs & Fiscal Health
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Farming, food production & local food businesses Forestry and wood products Marine, coastal, and eco-tourism Light manufacturing and industrial parks Warehousing and distribution along major highways Healthcare, education, and public services Small businesses, entrepreneurship, and remote work hubs







G3. Open response: Where should the County focus job growth (e.g., along highways, near towns, rural crossroads, etc.), and why?

H. Quality of Life, Health & Community Services 🕇 H1. Please tell us how satisfied you are with the following services and facilities: 1 Very Satisfied; 2 Satisfied; 3 Neutral; 4 Dissatisfied; 5 Very Dissatisfied. Road maintenance & traffic safety Water & Sewer Services Sidewalks, bike lanes & trails Public transit/commuter services Parks, recreation & access to rivers, springs, and the Gulf Libraries & community centers \_\_Affordable & diverse housing options \_Law enforcement, fire & emergency services/disaster preparedness Public health & social services Senior Services Youth programs & after school services Conservation of natural areas & flood/stormwater protection \_Support for small businesses & job opportunities H2. Which investments would most improve your quality of life in Levy County? (select up to 4) Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources ☐ Springs, river, and Gulf access improvements & better signage/wayfinding ☐ Multi-use trails, bike paths, and safer road shoulders ☐ Park upgrades (playgrounds, sports fields, shade structures) **Community Facilities & Services** ☐ Libraries, learning centers, and youth programs ☐ Senior services & "aging in place" home retrofits ☐ Public safety (fire, EMS, law enforcement facilities and equipment) **Downtowns, Housing & Economy** ☐ Historic Main Street/downtown revitalization ☐ Affordable and workforce housing initiatives ☐ Support for small businesses and local jobs Infrastructure & Resilience ☐ Road and bridge maintenance & congestion relief ☐ Flood protection, drainage, and coastal resilience projects ☐ Broadband expansion and digital access







H3. Open response: What makes Levy County special to you? What should never be lost? I. Resilience, Water, & Hazard Mitigation ★ I1. Have you experienced any of the following at your home or business in the last 5 years? (select all that apply) ☐ Street flooding ☐ Yard/parcel flooding ☐ Structure flooding ☐ Septic backup/failure ☐ Hurricane/wind damage ☐ Evacuation challenges ☐ Heat impacts ☐ Drought/water supply issues 12. Which resilience strategies should the County focus on to reduce risks from flooding, storms, and sea level rise? (select your top 3 strategies) ☐ Drainage and stormwater upgrades in towns ☐ Natural floodplain restoration and protection ☐ Coastal surge/sea level rise planning and living shorelines ☐ Septic system upgrades or sewer connections near sensitive waters and springs ☐ Backup power and reliable communications for critical facilities (hospitals, shelters, utilities) ☐ Home hardening grants and education for residents ☐ Expanded evacuation routes and shelter capacity 13. How willing are you to support funding for targeted resilience improvements in high-risk areas of the County? ☐ High willingness ☐ Moderate willingness ☐ Low willingness ☐ Not supportive ☐ Unsure J. Engagement Preferences & Communication ★ J1. How did you hear about this survey? ☐ County website ☐ Social media □ School/library □ Event ☐ Commission or Planning Board Meeting ☐ Word of mouth □ Other







★ J2. What are the best ways to reach you about future meetings?

If you selected email, please provide your name and email address on the form provided.		
Do not include that information in the survey.		
□ Email		
□ Mailer		
☐ School/library bulletin		
□ Community groups/faith partners		
□ County website		
□ Social media		
K. Demographics (This information is voluntary; it helps ensure broad representation)		
<b>K1. Age</b> □ Under 18 □ 18–24 □ 25–34 □ 35–44 □ 45–54 □ 55–64 □ 65–74 □ 75+		
<b>K2. Household with children under 18?</b> □ Yes □ No		
K3. Veteran status □ Veteran □ Non-veteran □ Prefer not to say		
<b>K4. Housing type</b> □ Single-family □ Manufactured/mobile □ Multifamily □ Farm/rural homestead □ Other		
<b>K5. Primary language spoken at home</b> □ English □ Spanish □ Other		
<b>K6. Race/ethnicity (optional)</b> □ White □ Black/African American □ Hispanic/Latino □ Asian		
$\square$ American Indian/Alaska Native $\square$ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander $\square$ Other $\square$ Prefer not to say		
<b>K7. Accessibility</b> □ I need ADA accommodations for meetings □ I need translation/interpretation		

## **Thank You**

Thank you for sharing your thoughts! Your input will help guide the County's Comprehensive Plan Update. By submitting this survey, you confirm that you are at least 14 years old (or have a parent/guardian's permission) and understand that your responses will be combined with others and used only in summary form.

